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Wind gusts uprooted this tree on the corner of Wildwood and Woburn Streets in Wilmington, just missing the house! (photo: BruceHilliard.com)

School Committee briefed on district safety and security measures

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — At the Wilmington School Committee meeting on Feb. 28, Interim Superintendent of Schools Paul Ruggiero outlined safety and security measures currently in place in the district.

This discussion comes amid a push for greater security in schools nationwide in the wake of the tragedy in Park-

land, Florida.

- Each school is equipped with card readers at its main entrance, as well as other select entrances. Each staff member has a badge, which allows access through card reader-protected entrances.

- Each school has a buzzer system at its main entrance. Visitors can ring a doorbell, which provides administrative staff with video confirmation of the person at the door. Upon being granted access to a schools building, all visitors must sign in at main office and wear a visitor badge.

- School doors are kept locked.
- Cameras provide staff with footage of selected areas on schools grounds. Wilming-

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Arlington an example for how to deal with mental illness

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

TWOKSBURY/WILMINGTON — Tewksbury Police Chief Timothy Sheehan congratulated Police Chief Frederick Ryan and the Arlington Police for their recognition as a Law Enforcement Mental Health and Learning Site. Arlington's announcement came out on Feb. 20, to the surprise of both Tewksbury and Wilmington.

Their statement said that Arlington would now serve as an example to surrounding police departments for how to help those suffering from mental illness and also provide resources as these

departments develop a Police-Mental Health Collaboration, or PMHC.

"Arlington is a trend setter," Tewksbury Chief Sheehan said. "Ryan is a great chief."

Both towns are proud of the work that they're already doing to build this police-mental health collaboration.

In Tewksbury, mental health care and education is a priority inside and outside of the Police Department. The department is currently involved in the One Mind Pledge, where they've promised to form a relationship with a community mental health organization, develop a fo-

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Town to issue RFP in retaining new counsel

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Board of Selectmen voted 4-1 on Feb. 26 to issue a Request for Proposal in the search for a new firm to serve as Town Counsel.

Deutsch Williams, the current firm retained as legal counsel to the town, will be disbanding, effective March

31. The firm will separate primarily into two new firms.

Town Manager Jeffrey Hull stated that, following a suggestion by Selectman Kevin Cairra, he had developed a timeline based on an anticipated July 1 start date for new permanent counsel. Hull also had prepared a draft RFP, which the board was

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Cavanaugh appointed new deputy fire chief

WILMINGTON — It's a new day in Wilmington as the town now has a new fire chief and a new deputy fire chief.

At the most recent Board of Selectmen meeting, Town Manager Jeffrey Hull informed the board that William Cavanaugh III had been appointed the new deputy fire chief. He participated in an assessment center back

in December of last year.

Cavanaugh has been with the fire department since 2007, having been promoted to fire lieutenant back in 2014 serving as the towns fire prevention officer. In that role, he performed plan reviews, occupancy inspections and final inspections of fire alarm systems.

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Early Childhood Kindergarten registration

Wilmington Public Schools
Wilmington, MA 01887

Early Childhood Kindergarten registration
Children entering the Wilmington Public Schools, either Kindergarten or First Grade, must register during the Week of March 12-16, 2018

Wildwood Early Childhood Center
9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 12:45 - 2:30 p.m.
Boutwell Early Childhood Center
8:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 - 2:00 p.m.

If your child reaches age five on or before Aug. 31, 2018 he/she should register for kindergarten at this time.

If your child reaches age six on or before Aug. 31, 2018 he/she should register for First Grade at this time, if not already attending a Wilmington Public School Kindergarten program.

In accordance with School Committee policy, no child will be registered to enter first grade if he/she has not turned six prior to Aug. 31, 2018 even if they have completed a kindergarten program elsewhere.

The following items must be presented at the time of registration:

- Original birth certificate with official seal
- Medical Information
 - Most recent physical exam information and immunizations record
- Proof of Residency (one of the following items)
 - Record of recent mortgage payment and/or property tax bill
 - Fully signed and executed Lease and/or Rental Agreement (Must be executed by both parties)
 - Notarized Landlord/Owner of Property Affidavit (please refer to district's website www.wpsk12.com and click on RESIDENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES to print form to be used "Residency Statement/Affidavit")
 - Fully signed and executed Purchase and Sale (P&S) Agreement (provided occupancy date occurs within 30 days of enrollment)
 - Section 8 Agreement
- Proof of Occupancy (one of the following items)
 - Gas/Oil Bill, Electric Bill, Home (not cell) Telephone Bill, Cable Bill, Water Bill (Note: bill must be dated within the past 45 days and address and name must be stated)
 - Recent bill (other than that stated above dated within the past 45 days showing Wilmington address and name. However, a Residency Statement/Affidavit is REQUIRED with this option. Please refer to district's website www.wpsk12.com and click on RESIDENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES to print form to be used)
 - Occupancy Statement/Affidavit must be notarized if a bill can not be provided prior to student's enrollment (please refer to district's website www.wpsk12.com and click on RESIDENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES to print form to be used "Occupancy Statement/Affidavit")
- Proof of Identity (one of the following items)
 - Valid MA Driver's License
 - Valid MA Photo ID Card
 - Valid Passport
 - Other Government issued Photo ID

NOTE: Parents registering children for Kindergarten will also register at this time for the Early Childhood Kindergarten/Preschool screening. This screening will be conducted in May, further information will be provided at the time of registration.

Also, screening is available to three and four year olds whose parents believe that their child has a reasonable likelihood of having any disabilities. Parents of three and four year olds wishing to have their child screened may also schedule an appointment during the above dates at the Boutwell and Wildwood Early Childhood Centers.

*All of the above as well as multiple forms can be found on WPS website: www.wpsk12.com

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Students, teachers prepared with ALICE

TMHS shelters in place for five hours

By PAIGE IMPINK
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TEWKSBURY — On Thursday, March 1, students at Tewksbury Memorial High School experienced a security shelter in place order just as classes were getting underway. A student had been overheard making some frightening statements about actions he wished to carry out against an upperclassman, alleging possession of a weapon.

The comment was reported quickly by a concerned student and school officials and police personnel reacted swiftly. According to reports, the student was immediately sought out by the school resource officer and escorted to the main office.

The order was invoked while law enforcement evaluated the extent of the threat to the student body at large, if any, and the presence or location of any weapon or weapons. Tewksbury police officers arrived on scene to secure the premises, including the NEMLEC School Threat Assessment Response System unit and canine units.

Students, staff and parents were updated throughout the morning as Principal Kristen Vogel sent email notifications, assuring parents that "teaching would continue and that students would have access to bathrooms and other services as needed" while the investigation continued and officials secured the building.

Students were dismissed class by class, floor by floor, to the cafeteria to have their lunches, then moved into the gymnasium for the remainder of the day. Portable metal detectors were set up and security wands were used by NEMLEC as the students and staff passed in to the cafeteria.

School students texted their

parents as updates were given, while cars were lining up along Pleasant Street with some parents anticipating dismissal of their children. A cruiser blocked the driveway entrance to the high school and news trucks collected across the road. News helicopters could be heard circling the area. Given the shooting in Parkland, Florida only a week prior, nerves were understandably frayed.

Despite the specificity of the threat and the alleged mention of a gun, "there was at no time a weapon in the school building or on school grounds," according to an email sent to parents by Assistant Principal Sean O'Leary.

During a press conference late Thursday afternoon, District Attorney Marian Ryan said that the student was in the hands of the criminal justice system. Ryan emphasized how seriously the matter is being taken and sent the message that "at no time, and especially not at this sensitive time, should there be joking or discussion about any act of violence in person or on social media."

A press release issued by her office stated that the 14-year-old student was "arrested and charged with threatening the use of a dangerous weapon, two counts of threatening to commit a crime and disturbing a school assembly, in connection with allegedly communicating to a fellow student this morning that he intended to shoot another student."

Student accounts of the day were mostly positive, expressing confidence in the staff and appreciation for the methodical way in which the response to the events was carried out.

A letter to parents from Superintendent Christopher Malone read, "The time and

energy we have dedicated as a school district to training and implementing the ALICE protocols has produced positive results."

ALICE is an active shooter response methodology which is taught in the schools. Malone thanked parents and the Tewksbury Police Department for keeping the students safe and for their patience.

In an email to the Town Crier, Malone also shared that intensive incident debriefing occurred with the District Attorney's Office and the police department, and that ongoing meetings with Town Manager Richard Montuori and Police Chief Tim Sheehan will "expand security resources for the school district while creatively funding a long term capital plan that supports keeping students safe."

Malone also indicated that over 100 students were interviewed post-incident to gather their feedback.

Tewksbury Police Chief Sheehan reinforced the importance of reporting any suspicious activity.

"The student, faculty, and administrative staff populations within our school district play a critical role in maintaining safe learning environments and preventing tragedy. (Thursday) was a prime example of this and I commend the students who came forward and reported the threats to the school administration. It is imperative that we encourage immediate reporting to those who see or hear something that they feel may pose danger to others."

Sheehan thanked the response support units and said that the TPD "did everything possible to insure the safety of the student and faculty populations."

He, too, thanked the parents and students for their patience during the intense investigation.



► Top right, students pass through metal detectors as NEMLEC officers x-ray their bags during the shelter in place protocol last Thursday.

► Bottom right, officers debrief after students were dismissed from TMHS. The students had sheltered in place for over five hours during an intense police investigation of a student threat. (Courtesy photos)

It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois



MAKING THE MOST OUT OF MISCELLANEOUS DEDUCTIONS

Miscellaneous deductions are tax breaks that generally don't fit into a particular tax category. They can help reduce taxable income and the amount of taxes owed. For example, some employees can deduct certain work expenses, like uniforms, as miscellaneous deductions. To do that, they must itemize their deductions instead of taking the standard deduction on their tax return. Here are several tips about miscellaneous deductions:

- **The Two Percent Limit:** Most miscellaneous costs are deductible only if the sum exceeds 2% of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income (AGI). For example, before being able to deduct certain expenses, a taxpayer with \$50,000 in AGI must come up with more than \$1,000 in miscellaneous deductions. Expenses may include:
 - Unreimbursed employee expenses.
 - Job search costs for a new job in the same line of work.
 - Job tools.
 - Union dues.
 - Work-related travel and transportation.
 - The cost paid to prepare a tax return. These fees include the cost paid for tax preparation software. They also include any fee paid for e-filing a return.
- **Deductions Not Subject to the Limit:** Some deductions are not subject to the 2% limit. They include:
 - Certain casualty and theft losses. In most cases, this rule is for damaged or stolen property held for investment. This may include property such as stocks, bonds and works of art.
 - Gambling losses up to the total of gambling winnings.
 - Losses from Ponzi-type investment schemes.

Taxpayers can't deduct some expenses. For example, personal living or family expenses are not deductible. To claim allowable miscellaneous deductions, taxpayers must use Schedule A, Itemized Deductions.

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Surette named to Dean's List at Westfield State

WESTFIELD — Justine Surette, daughter of Richard and Paula Surette, received academic honors at Westfield State University by making the Uni-

versity's Dean's List for the Fall semester 2017.

A sophomore at Westfield State University, Surette is majoring in Elementary Education at the Univer-

sity.

Westfield State University's Dean's List recognizes the achievement of undergraduates semester by semester. To receive Dean's

List status, a student must complete a 12-hour semester with a GPA of at least 3.3 (B+), have no grade below a 2.0 (C), and have no incomplete grades.

WCTV news and notes

By SHAUN NEVILLE
WCTV Executive Director

Attention Wilmington kids: Want to write, record and produce your own movie? How about hosting or competing in a game show? Want to be star interviewer or interviewee?

We are now accepting sign-ups for our 2018 Summer Workshops!! Available Dates:

- June 25 - 29 (9-11 year olds)
- July 9 - 13 (12-14 year olds)
- July 23 - 27 (9-11 year olds)
- Aug. 6 - 10 (12-14 year olds)

olds)

- Aug. 13 - 17 (13-16 year olds)

Children ages 9 to 16 are invited to sign up (with the final week geared specifically to teens who have WCTV experience). Each day, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., kids will learn the basics of TV. The cost per week is \$125.

This workshop has been very successful over the past couple of summers, with weeks filling up in advance. If you'd like to learn more information, contact Youth Outreach Coordinator Kaileigh Bernardo at kbernardo@wctv.org or

call 978-657-4066.

Here's another reminder to check out WCTV's new mobile app. The WCTV app will let you watch videos on-demand, check out TV listings and stream live. We'll also be sending out alerts when live programming is going on. It's a great way to stay connected as we enter a busy season of live events, with Candidates Night, Election Night and Town Meeting in the next couple of months. Just search "WCTV" in the App Store and Google Play Store.

New Programs:

These air on one of WCTV's 3 television stations (Public: Comcast 9/Verizon 37 - Government: Comcast 22/Verizon 38 - Education: Comcast 99/Verizon 39). You can also watch them at WCTV.org.

- **Wildcat Sports Playoffs (WCTV Education):** There's plenty of Boys Hockey and Girls Basketball playoff action to watch! Go Cats!
- **Recreation Matters (WCTV Government):** Karen Campbell welcomes Jim

Buckley and Kathleen Shure to talk about Pickleball and the proposed Pickleball court that is going to be discussed at May's Town Meeting.

• **Book Stew (WCTV Public):** Host Eileen MacDougall continues her mini-series on local writers groups, featuring Woburn Memorial Library group members Helen Lee and Ralph D'Angelo.

Upcoming Live:

- March 12 - 7 p.m.: Board of Selectmen (WCTV Government)
- March 14 - 7 p.m.: Board of Appeals (WCTV Government)
- March 14 - 7 p.m.: School Committee (WCTV Education)

Check out WCTV.org for more information on when programs will be televised and how you can get involved at your community television station. Membership is free and there's no time commitment.

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History:

Wilmington nursing program hits centennial mark

By LARZ F. NEILSON

100 years ago, a worldwide influenza epidemic killed millions of people. In Wilmington, the deaths recorded by the town clerk rose from 34 in 1917 to 53 in 1918. That epidemic led Wilmington to develop a public health program. In an era when few towns had a public health nurse, Wilmington had two.

"I need you," was how Dr. Daniel Buzzell summoned Alice Doucette for help in nursing the flu patients in Wilmington. The two worked for 13 days straight, only stopping for cat-naps. She had graduated from Lawrence General Hospital in 1908 as a registered nurse. When she suggested that she might need to go back to

school for public health nurse training, Dr. Buzzell told her that would be like putting a cake back in the oven.

She worked unofficially as the town nurse for the next three years, and was appointed to that position in 1921.

Also in 1918, nursing student Esther Kruschwitz was pressed into service in Boston, ministering to flu patients. The epidemic was so severe that she was driven by taxi. Travel by streetcar would consume too much of her valuable time.

A student at the Lawrence General Hospital, she was also enrolled in a public health nursing program at Simmons College. There was no degree public health. She was awarded a certificate

for her specialized training, along with her RN degree.

The following year, she came to Wilmington, sponsored by the Wilmington Women's Club. She was one of the very first public health nurses in the nation. Her work included that of a public health nurse, school nurse, visiting nurse and running a well-baby program.

Mrs. Nina Barrows and Women's Club president Mrs. Tyler Stevens were instrumental in her hiring. Nina Kincaid Barrows was the wife of Herbert C. Barrows. She worked with the new nurse to make things happen in Wilmington, organizing the first well-baby clinic in the Grange Hall.

In 1921, Esther Kruschwitz married Dr. Guy Nichols,

the town undertaker. He had graduated with a medical degree before returning to town to run the Nichols Funeral Home.

With Alice Doucette as town nurse, Esther Nichols took the role as the school nurse, a position she held for about 40 years.

She became a deaconess in the Wilmington Congregational Church, serving on every important committee, chairing the building committee for the Parish House, an addition to the church built in the mid-fifties. She became superintendent of the kindergarten and primary Sunday school. Many generations of children learned their first Bible lessons in her classes.

She had a deep love of music and sang in the choir



▲ Esther Nichols, right, chatted with Gertrude Allgrove at the 250th anniversary celebration of the Wilmington Congregational Church in Oct. 1983. Mrs. Nichols was Wilmington's first public health nurse and served as school nurse for over 40 years. (file photo by Larz F. Neilson)

for many, many years. At the 200th anniversary in 1933, she was a soloist. She wrote and read a histo-

ry of the church for its 225th anniversary in 1958. That history was published in installments in the *Town Crier*.

By MARILYN SANFORD
Tax Columnist

Tax refunds in 2018: What to expect

The IRS issues more than nine out of 10 refunds in less than 21 days. However, some tax returns may require additional review, which affects refund timing.

The "Where's My Refund?" tool has the most up-to-date information about the status of a taxpayer's refund. It's available on IRS.gov and through the IRS mobile app, *IRS2Go*.

Individuals who file electronically can use "Where's My Refund?" to check the status of their return within 24 hours after the IRS received it. Paper filers can check four weeks after they mail their paper return. "Where's My Refund?" is updated once daily, usually overnight. Therefore, checking it more often will not produce new or different results.

Some people believe ordering a transcript is a good way to check the status of their refund. The information included on a transcript does not necessarily reflect the amount or timing of a refund. Transcripts are best used to validate past income and tax filing status for mortgage, student or small business loan applications, and to help with tax preparation.

"Where's My Refund?" is the best way to check the status of a refund and displays progress in three stages: (1) Return Received, (2) Refund Approved, and (3) Refund Sent. Taxpayers can get personalized information based on the processing of their tax return. The tool provides an actual refund date after the IRS has approved a refund.

Several factors can affect when the IRS is able to issue

a refund or when a taxpayer may receive it.

General Errors or Processing Issues

Taxpayers whose refunds take longer may have filed a return that contained errors, is incomplete, or needs further review in general. The IRS will contact taxpayers by mail if it needs more information to process a return.

Claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit or Additional Child Tax Credit

The IRS began updating "Where's My Refund?" on IRS.gov and on the *IRS2Go* mobile app in mid-February, for most of those early filers who claimed either the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC), provided they chose direct deposit and there were no other issues with their tax return. If there are issues with a filer's tax return, the law requires the IRS to hold back the entire refund — even the portion that is not associated with either the EITC or the ACTC. The IRS, tax preparers, or any of the personal tax software available do not have additional information on refund dates. "Where's My Refund?" is the best way for a person to check the status of a refund.

Identity Theft or Fraud

Tax-related identity theft occurs when someone uses a stolen Social Security number to file a tax return and claim a fraudulent refund. A taxpayer may not know this has happened until they file their tax return and find out

someone else has used their SSN. Or, the IRS may send a letter to a taxpayer saying someone filed a suspicious return using their SSN.

Direct Deposit Speeds Refunds, but Allow Time for Banks, Weekends, Holidays

Using Direct Deposit is the safest and easiest way to get a refund. Direct Deposit is the electronic transfer of a refund from the Department of Treasury to the taxpayer's financial account. Eight out of 10 taxpayers use direct deposit for their refunds. This is the same method used by 98 percent of Social Security and Veterans Affairs beneficiaries. It is easy, safe and secure. It also saves money for all taxpayers, since it costs more than \$1 to print and mail a refund check and about a dime to process a direct deposit. All a person needs to do is to provide an account number and a routing number to get their refund faster.

Splitting a tax refund is easy and can be done electronically if using IRS Free File or other tax preparation software. When filing a paper return, use IRS Form 8888, Allocation of Refund (Including Savings Bond Purchases), to split the refund among two or three different accounts. Form 8888 is not required for the IRS to direct deposit the refund

into a single account; use the direct deposit line on Forms 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ.

With split refunds, taxpayers have a convenient option for managing money — sending some of the refund to an account for immediate use and some for future savings — in addition to the speed

and safety of direct deposit.

A tax preparer can select the direct deposit option for a taxpayer. Even those taxpayers who file a paper return can choose direct deposit. See the "Refund" section near the bottom of the return.

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What to remember when deciding whether and how to file your taxes

By MARILYN SANFORD
Tax Columnist

As people prepare to file their taxes, there are things to consider. They will want to determine if they need to file and the best way to do so.

Here are three things for people to keep in mind as they prepare to file their taxes:

1. Who is required to file. In most cases, income, filing status and age determine if a taxpayer must file a tax return. Other rules may apply if the taxpayer is self-employed or if they are a dependent of another person. For example, if a taxpayer is single and younger than age 65, they must file if their income was at least \$10,400. There are other instances when a taxpayer must file. Go to IRS.gov/filing for more information.

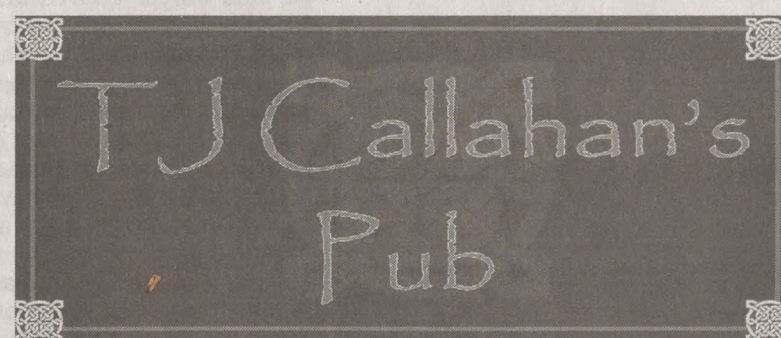
2. Filing to get a refund. Even if a taxpayer doesn't have to file, they should file a tax return if they can get money back. If a taxpayer answers "yes" to any of these questions, they could be due a refund:

- Did my employer withhold federal income tax from my pay?
- Did I make estimated tax payments?
- Did I overpay last year and have it applied to this year's tax?

3. Taxpayers can file for free. Join the millions of Americans who safely file their taxes and save money using IRS Free File. 70 percent of the nation's taxpayers are eligible for IRS Free File. Commercial partners of the IRS offer free brand-name software to about 100 million individuals and families with incomes of \$66,000 or less. Taxpayers who earned more can use Free File Fillable Forms. This option allows taxpayers to complete IRS forms electronically. It is best for those who are used to doing their own taxes.

Instructions for Forms 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ list income tax filing requirements. Taxpayers can also use the Interactive Tax Assistant tool on IRS.gov to answer many tax questions. They should look for "Do I need to file a return?" under general topics.

All taxpayers should keep a copy of their tax return. Taxpayers using a software product for the first time may need their Adjusted Gross Income amount from their prior-year tax return to verify their identity. Taxpayers can learn more about how to verify their identity and electronically sign tax returns at ValidatingYourElectronicallyFiledTaxReturn.



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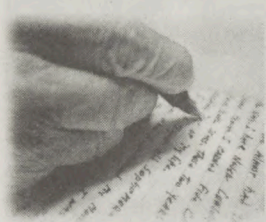
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Letters to the editor

Finegold candidate for State Senate in Second Essex and Middlesex district

To the editor,

Today, I am proud to announce my candidacy for State Senate for the Second Essex and Middlesex district representing Andover, Dracut, Lawrence, and Tewksbury. My interest in elected office has always been driven by my deep belief in public service. As a husband, father of three, and local business owner, I am committed to doing what's best for our community and willing to put in the hard work to ensure a better future for all.

The Massachusetts Senate is at a crossroads. I've had the privilege of serving in that chamber and I know I have the relationships and skillset needed to get things done at a time when a clear path forward is unclear.

I've spent most of my life in the district and served these communities in the State Senate from 2011-2015, so I know I can confidently represent these four communities at the State House. Through hard work and listening to those around me, I will fight for the needs of our district and use my experience to deliver results for these communities.

As the son of two public school teachers, education has always been a priority for me. Fighting for quality education for all students, regardless of their background or family's income, was one of my top priorities while in the State House. I was an early supporter of the new Tewksbury High School and worked hard to make sure we got the state funding

we needed to complete the project. If elected, I will work to secure education dollars for the district and collaborate with our school leaders to deliver for every child in our community.

I believe in high quality, affordable health care. I want to ensure that our regional health care providers like Lowell General Hospital and Lawrence General Hospital are getting their fair share of funding in order to continue serving our community. During the debate on health care cost containment, I led the fight in the Senate to protect community hospitals and vow to continue to do so.

We've seen the devastating effects of the opioid crisis in our community over the past few years, and we will need all the resources we can get to properly address the issue. I promise to work hard to secure state and federal funding for prevention and treatment in our area, as well as listen and learn from other cities and states that have implemented effective programs.

I also want to hear from folks in the district about what their biggest concerns and priorities are. I am going to spend the next few months listening and learning from people across Andover, Dracut, Lawrence, and Tewksbury so that I can once again be their voice on Beacon Hill.

Former State Senator
Barry R. Finegold

Support Brian Dick for selectman in Tewksbury

To the editor,

Brian Dick is a life-long Tewksbury resident. Brian is a true professional balanced with a friendly demeanor. Being a native of Tewksbury, Brian understands the importance of balancing Tewksbury's economic development while maintaining the character of our town.

As a former Tewksbury School Committee member, serving six years, Brian knows first-hand how to get things done and is unafraid to do the work. Brian is a local business owner, he recognizes

the seriousness of being fiscally responsible. Brian will treat our tax dollars with responsibility and accountability which is paramount.

Combined with his family values, leadership skills, business experience, and love for Tewksbury, I am confident that Mr. Brian Dick will be an asset to our community as a member of the Tewksbury Board of Selectmen.

Please join us in supporting Brian Dick on April 7.

Sincerely,
Jay & Mary Kelly

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TMHS students prepare for DECA state finals

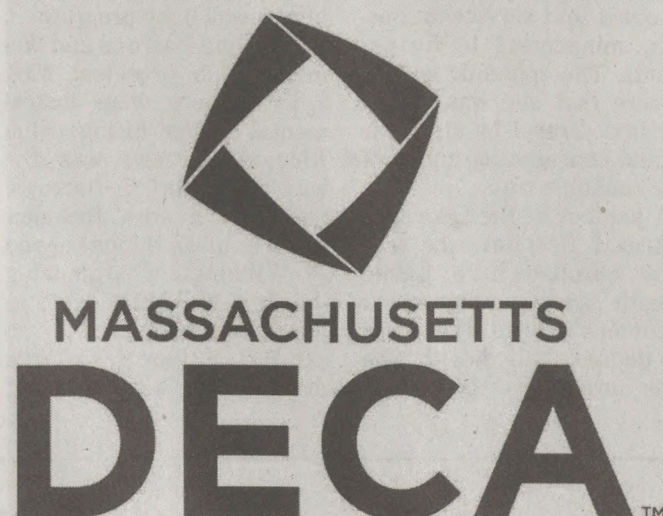
By MATT FRONDUTO
TMHS Correspondent

If you are an avid reader of *The Town Crier*, then you may be familiar with the DECA competitions, as a piece was written about the 2018 regional competitions in early January. In the aforementioned column, it was mentioned that a multitude of Tewksbury High School Students would be advancing to the State Finals in mid March, and as we approach this day, it seems necessary to remind the public of exactly what these bright competitors will be engaging in.

For those unfamiliar with DECA, the mission statement should sum it up reasonably well:

"DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe."

Essentially, DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) provides students interested in busi-



ness — or any region of the private sector for that matter — with the opportunity to sharpen and perfect their abilities by allowing them to compete in a nationwide competition in which students are thrust into real-world situations, and tasked with figuring out a rational, viable solution.

In doing so, the participants are able to not only exercise their skills, but

also, upon completion, will be shown where their strengths and weaknesses lie, allowing them the opportunity to perfect their abilities. The top seven students given the highest marks in their respective categories are thereby selected to advance to the State Finals, which brings us to today, Thursday, March 8, the day on which the selected participants from Tewksbury High will travel to Boston in

pursuit of a position in the National DECA finals in Atlanta, Georgia.

With a jam-packed itinerary for the weekend, students will, without a doubt, spend most of their free time studying for their events, or possibly feasting on one of the various meals that the hotel will be providing. With the competitions scattered throughout Friday afternoon, the events will culminate in the highly-anticipated awards ceremony, taking place Friday night.

Not only will the best performances be recognized at the ceremony, but they will also be receiving an invitation to Atlanta's National Finals, which a handful of TMHS students actually had the privilege of attending in 2017.

Regardless of this year's outcome, the events of this weekend will, without a doubt, be a terrific experience for its participants, therefore, let us all wish Tewksbury High's competitors the best of luck!

Vote Eaton for selectman

To the editor:

I am writing in support of candidate Jonathan Eaton for Selectman. I have had the pleasure of working alongside Jonathan on the Finance Committee for many years. He is a man of integrity, is an independent thinker and is always prepared for meetings and discussions. Jonathan has been respectful of others opinions while

holding true to his own. He quickly became a very important member of the committee and others frequently look to him for his informed viewpoints.

A Wilmington native, Jonathan chose to stay in Wilmington to start his family; he, therefore, has a strong interest in the future of Wilmington. Jonathan is very willing to be on the forefront

of the many issues that will be affecting the future growth and development of our town. My experience with Jonathan provides me with the confidence that he will serve the Town of Wilmington with dignity and intelligence in every decision and discussion that he participates in.

I have personally known many of the volunteers and

elected officials that have made Wilmington proud and have made the right decisions for our benefit. I am pleased to include Jonathan Eaton in that group and I respectfully ask that you vote for Jonathan on April 28 for Selectman.

Sincerely,
Theresa. M. Manganello

First responders had a busy weekend

By PAUL J. ANDREWS
andrews@masssupt.org
Mass. Ass'n. of School Superintendents
Chairman of the Board of
Winchester Hospital

I am going to cover a few issues in this column, one of a local nature and the remainder on some of the basic educational funding issues that you may find both interesting and possibly upsetting.

First responders

More than likely, today's paper carried a review of damage in Town Crier land, as our area was hit heavily on Friday into Saturday by a confluence of weather factors and especially the winds that traveled through our communities. I had the misfortune of being involved near one incident in Central Square in Woburn, as I was just getting into my car after picking up a prescription, when a massive tree came down in the Wyman Green and struck a pole across from where I was parked with wires on Main and Wyman Streets falling all over the area, sparking their way to the ground and shutting down all major roads.

With a number of children on the Wyman Green, I went over to the edge of the area and told the youngsters not to move as wires were falling everywhere with the winds and rain making the area very dangerous. As I did that, I could see a woman down in the middle of the Wyman Green, where a tree limb had fallen on her.

Calling back to the pharmacy and grocery store managers who were outside at this point, I asked that the ambulance be called quickly and as fast as possible, while asking the injured party to remain as help was on the way.

While I made certain the youngsters remained in position keeping them away from the live wires, it seemed just like minutes when the first arriving cruiser and officer arrived and headed directly for the injured woman, while calling for added help from other needed departments including public works. This is really to praise the great skills our communities have in our readership area as "first responders" as all of our communities were totally out straight as tree limbs, wires and poles were falling across the Wilmington, Tewksbury area as well as across Woburn, Burlington and Winchester and nearby areas.

What I saw, as a response as usual, made me feel so proud of our "first responders" and this is a shout out to all these folks in our communities.

Student debt increases for Mass. college graduates

Alarming data points have recently emerged from the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center with some significant statistics. Massachusetts, despite the quality of the public higher education system, has led to large increases in tuition, fees and student debt, which the Center states "can limit the opportunity for school graduates and potentially weaken our state economy."

The basic point made is that "funding for public higher education has declined substantially since 2001."

The key "take away" is that in the past dozen years, "debt for graduates of four-year state colleges and universities has grown more rapidly in Massachusetts than in 48 of the 50 states."

The report indicates that in Massachusetts "funding for scholarships has declined at

a similar rate and per-pupil debt has increased 122 percent since the 2003-2004 school year." This means "the average debt among public university graduates now almost equals that of students graduating from the state's private schools and universities."

The report also states "that for 2016 (the most recent statistics currently available) more graduates of public higher education had higher debt than graduates of private institutions — 73 percent compared with 54 percent."

School finances around the United States

While we have written in earlier columns about the K-12 fiscal issues in Massachusetts, Kansas is trying to come up with \$600 million. New York wants school by

school spending, causing a backlash but supported in the new National Every Student Succeeds Act. Oklahoma is focusing on increasing teacher salaries with many schools there now operating on a four day week schedule. Texas is proposing a 2.5 percent cap on the amount of money districts can use from property owners, which must sound familiar to most of us here in Massachusetts.

JUST A NOTE: I recently noticed a comment in the *New York Times* stating "there is no reliable cure for angry young men who harbor violent fantasies. The only solution is to keep guns out of their hands." Thanks for taking some of your evening in reading this column and feel free to e-mail me at andrews@masssupt.org or follow me on twitter at @Paulandrewsmass

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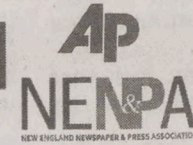
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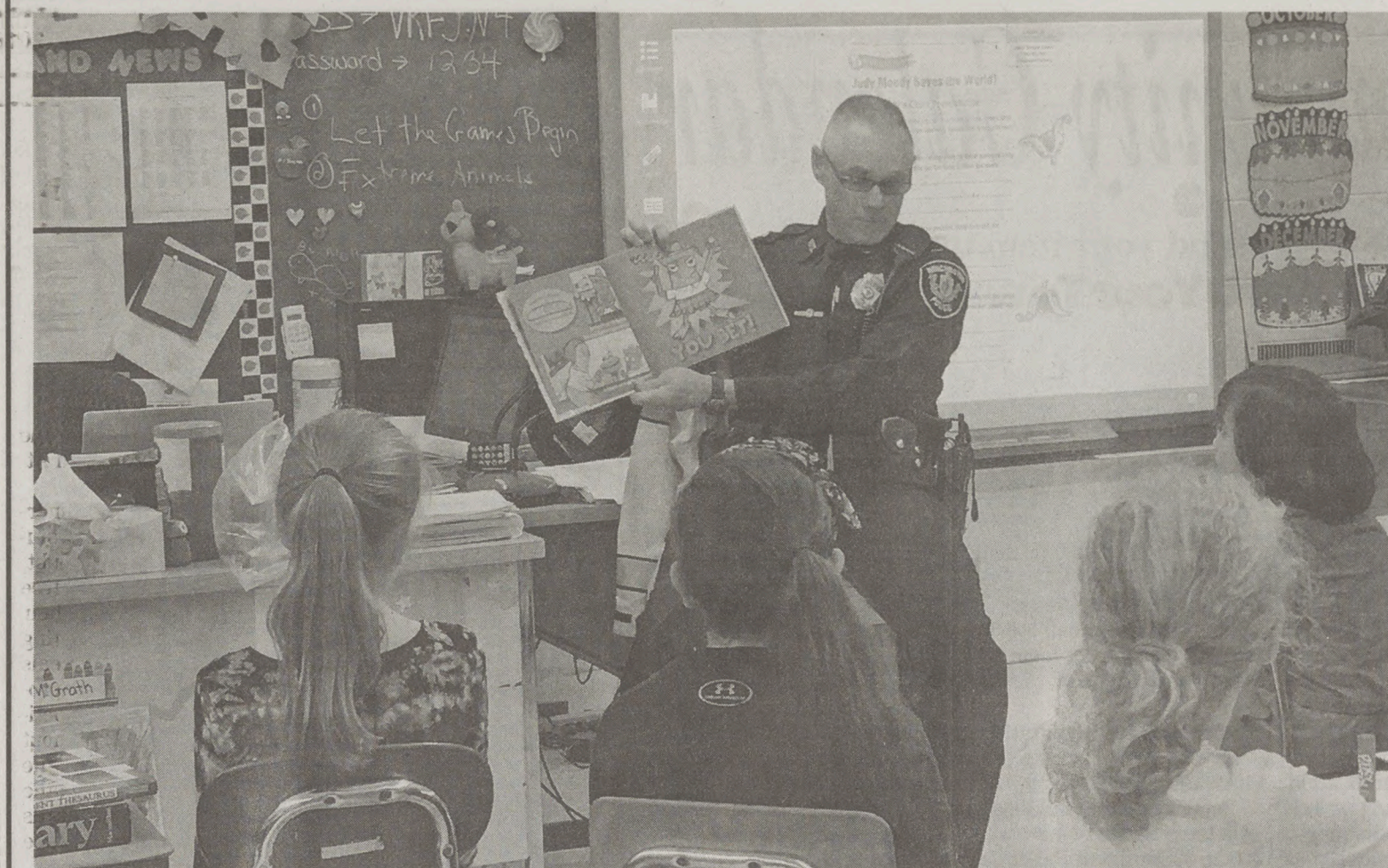
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Read Across America

Winchester Lt. Thomas Groux reads to Mrs. McGrath's third grade at the North Street School during Read Across America last week. Special guest readers visited the school as a special treat for the students. Guests included Assistant Tewksbury Children's Librarian Heather Magazini, Fire Chief Mike Hazel, Selectman Mark Kratman, North Street Principal Karen Cronin, Assistant Superintendent Brenda Regan, TMHS Principal Kristen Vogel, School Committee members Keith Sullivan and Dennis Francis, Ryan School Principal Judi McInnes, Aide to Representative Jim Miceli David Robertson North Street Custodian Corinne Rooney, Retired teacher MaryLou Adams and Wynn Middle School Principal John Weir.

(Courtesy photo)

Local agent elected director of Greater Boston Association of Realtors

WILMINGTON — Jacquelyn Santini, a salesperson with RE/MAX Encore in Wilmington has been elected a director of the Greater Boston Association of REALTORS® (GBAR) for 2018.

As a GBAR director, Santini will serve as an elected representative of the association's general membership in governing the association's policies, programs and business activities. She will act as an association ambassador promoting REALTOR® initiatives and communicating directly with members on behalf of GBAR leadership.

This will include appearances at office meetings of local real estate firms and other industry forums to educate agents and brokers on GBAR programs and



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benefits, assess membership sentiment and convey concerns to association leadership, and inform local REALTORS® about industry trends, public policy issues,

and the organizational activities of the association that are relevant to members' business.

In this elected position, Santini also will serve as an association spokesperson and serve as a liaison between GBAR and state legislators through participation in "Calls-for-Action" on legislative and regulatory issues important to the real estate industry.

A REALTOR® since 2006, Santini currently serves on the GBAR Charitable Grants Task Force, GBAR Forms Committee, GBAR Rental Issues Committee and GBAR Education Committee. Santini also serves as Alternate Director of Massachusetts Association of Realtors®.

She has earned her Cer-

tified Residential Specialist (CRS), Certified Buyer Representative (CBR), Graduate, Realtors® Institute (GRI), Seniors Real Estate Specialist (CRES) and Military Relocation Professionals (MRP) professional designations.

The Greater Boston Association of Realtors® is one of five real estate specialty divisions of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board. The GBAR membership currently totals nearly 10,000 residential real estate agents, brokers and industry affiliates working in over 950 offices throughout Metropolitan Boston and Eastern Massachusetts.

A local chapter of the Massachusetts and National Associations of Realtors®, GBAR is the largest local

REALTOR® association in New England.

TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TMHS BUILDING CUSTODIAN OPENINGS

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Letters of application and resumes, will be received at the Office of the Human Resources Administrator, Center School, 139 Pleasant Street, Tewksbury, Massachusetts until positions are filled for the following full-time positions:

**3 Building Custodians
Tewksbury Memorial High School
3:00p.m. - 12:00a.m.**

Salary, \$34,260 - \$42,416, and benefits as outlined in Contract between the Tewksbury School Committee and the Custodial Union.

**Job Description available by contacting
978-640-7800 ext 222.**

The Tewksbury Public School System is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Reasonable accommodations will be made for individuals with disabilities.

Letter to the editor

Four petition articles should be deemed illegal

Dear editor,
On Feb. 5, at the Wilmington Board of Selectmen meeting, the Town Manager Jeff Hull read into the record the memorandum dated Feb. 2, which states 2018 annual Town Meeting Warrant articles by Petition. Hull started to read the eight warrant articles and as he read the first four, I recognized that they were all in legal form listing the petitioners name Adam J. Silva, Julianne Hooper, Michael J. Newhouse and Michael J. Newhouse again.

All four petition articles are in legal form. All four started off stating annual Town Meeting. As the Town Manager read the articles, the petitioners names are as follows: Sandra LaLiberte, Lindsey Riley, Jacqueline Welch, and Welch again. (Jacqueline Welch is Michael Welch's wife, as in Michael Welch the developer).

All four of those articles started off by stating "Petition Article," then the verbiage, however, they missed put on some very important words on the top of each of the pages: annual Town Meeting. That's right — NONE OF THEM stated annual Town Meeting. Many of you well remember the fiasco I and the group Concerned Citizens of Wilmington went through just this past December when I petitioned for a Special Town Meeting where the Town Clerk gave me the paperwork for my article and the header of each signature page were the words annual Town Meeting.

The group and I went out and collected 649 signatures whereas we only needed 200. Just a few hours after turning in the papers, I got a

phone call from the Town Manager telling me that he had talked to the town counsel, John Foskett and stated to me that my article was illegal because I was lacking ONE word: It should have said SPECIAL Town Meeting, not annual Town Meeting. So Foskett deemed it illegal. This was not my fault. So what did we do? We did it again and collected even more signatures, 668 to be exact, because ONE WORD was missing. We know the history of that Town Meeting — we won.

So there is no difference here. In all of those four articles, it does not indicate what the people were signing. So town counsel has to apply the same rule of law as he did to me. They are illegal. There should be no different opinion from my article deemed illegal to these four present articles.

Here is the best part: when I saw the articles as written on Feb. 5, as the Town Manager was reading them, I kept my big mouth shut knowing that the deadline to submit warrant articles by petitioners was Feb. 2. However, at the next Wilmington Board of Selectmen meeting of Feb. 26, Hull read the same exact articles again. Once again, I kept my big mouth shut and let the town manager do his thing and said nothing. No one caught the mistake. The selectmen could, if they wanted to, accept those petition articles if they chose to after the Feb. 2 deadline. So that was the last bite of the apple on Feb. 26.

On Wednesday, Feb. 28, I spoke with Hull and confirmed with him my findings and he agreed that the time had, indeed, expired for peti-

tion articles to be submitted. I told the manager that the four articles were all illegal, especially the one located on Andover Street — you guessed it — the Scirappa Farm article submitted by Jacqueline Welch.

If passed at Town Meeting, it would produce over 700 condos off Andover Street in Wilmington. I told the manager that as selectman, I was instructing him to investigate this matter and give it to the town counsel. I told him that I think nobody knows more than I do in regards to the omission of one word on a petition article.

In this case, there were no words at all to state on any of the signature pages to indicate what the people were actually signing. There should be no way that Town Counsel can let this slide. He has no choice, like he did in my article, to deem these illegal. That means all four of those articles must do it again, like myself and the Concerned Citizens of Wilmington and they have two options: wait till next year's annual Town Meeting OR do what I did: get the correct verbiage and go back out there and collect 200 signatures for a Special Town Meeting.

One more thing — those same four articles put together that are all illegal, it looks like the same font and format was used in all four articles, on all the signature pages, and they all head off with the words "Petition Article." Hmmm.... very suspicious. I'm just one humble selectman calling it the way it is.

Sincerely,
Michael V. McCoy
Wilmington Selectman



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To have your business highlighted here contact Executive Director Nancy Vallee at 978-657-7211.

Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events:

Multi-Chamber Regional Networking Event

Date: Thursday, March 8
Time: 4:30 pm - Free Seminar;
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Networking
Place: Hilton Boston Woburn, Woburn
Cost: Members/\$10, Guests/\$20

57th Annual Meeting / Business After-Hours

Date: Thursday, March 22
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Place: Windsor Place of Wilmington

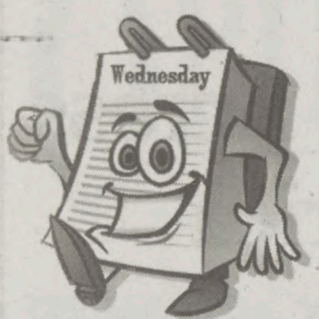
Business Bootcamp - Chamber 101

Date: Thursday, March 29
Time: Noon - 1:30 pm
Place: Chamber Office, 226 Lowell St, Wilmington

Chamber GOLF Classic

Date: Monday, April 30
Time: 7 am Registration/Breakfast,
8 am Shotgun Start
Place: Tewksbury Country Club
Register/Sponsor at
www.wilmingtontewksburychamber.org

Please contact the Chamber for additional event details.



Community Calendar

send your item to:
Calendar@YourTownCrier.com

Wilmington Calendar:

Sons of Italy's annual Easter Breakfast

Wilmington Sons of Italy 13th Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
Sunday, March 25, 2018
Knights of Columbus Hall
Two seatings are available:
8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and 10:30a.m.-12:00 p.m. The donation is \$8.00 per person. Children 3 and under eat free. The menu includes scrambled eggs, waffles, hash brown patties, bacon, sausage, cereal, juice, milk, and coffee. All Proceeds will benefit the Wilmington Sons of Italy Charities. For tickets, contact Tara at 978-758-0405. Tickets must be purchased on or before March 17. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Wilmington Sons of Italy presents a Motown Dance Party
Saturday, April 28 from 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
VFW Hall, 87 Vernon Street in Tewksbury
The Wilmington Sons of Italy is presenting a Motown Dance Party on Saturday, April 28. Tickets cost \$15. All proceeds are to benefit Gifts of Love Diaper Drive for homeless shelters and food pantries. Anyone bringing a

diaper donation will receive a door prize entry. Feel free to bring in food for your table. Contact Alicia at 978-758-0876 for tickets.

Alateen
The first and third Thursday of each month
St Williams Church (middle brick building), 1351 Main Street in Tewksbury
When there is evidence of alcoholism or drug use in a family, you can see the effects on the other family members, especially young people. Alateen meetings provide mutual support for young people affected by someone else's drinking and drug use. Come speak with teens who know exactly how you feel. The meetings are confidential and a safe place to share experiences, strength, and hope with each other; discuss difficulties; learn effective ways to cope with problems; encourage one another; help each other understand the principles of the Al-Anon program; and learn how to use the Twelve Steps and Alateen's Twelve Traditions. For more information on the Tewksbury

meeting, call Maria Ruggiero at 978-851-7373 X352. For more information on Alanon/Alateen, call 508-366-0556 or visit al-anon.alateen.org/for-alateen.

Safety seat installation
Every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Public Safety Building, 1 Adelaide Street
The Wilmington Police Department offers safety seat installs at the Wilmington Public Safety Building (1 Adelaide St.) every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead at 978-658-5071 is recommended.

Knights of Columbus Cribbage
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Wilmington Knights of Columbus
The Wilmington Knights of Columbus will once again be hosting weekly cribbage matches. Games will be held on Monday nights throughout the fall, winter and spring starting on Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. The games are held in the member's lounge located in

the lower level of the building and access is through the rear door. Admission is \$5 with most of that being returned to the first and second place finishers each week. This is an adult activity open to the readership of this newspaper as well as brother knights. The games are friendly head to head competitions and all skill levels are welcome. Adult beverages are available and the club has wide screen TVs to keep track of your favorite teams. For more information, please call Bob at 978-851-4985.

Wilmington Sons of Italy Junior Lodge
Fourth of July Building
Children ages 10-18 are eligible to join the Sons of Italy Junior Lodge, a local charitable organization. Applicants do not need to be Italian. Members of the lodge participate in numerous fundraisers and other events. The Junior Lodge has frequent community service events and several leadership positions available each year. Dues are \$10 per person for the year.

Tewksbury Calendar:

Earth Day cleanup on Saturday, April 21

SilverTones March Dance
Friday, March 16 from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler Street
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the "wearing of the green" for a chance to win scratch tickets with SilverTones Big Swing Band on Friday, March 16 from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. at the beautiful Tewksbury Senior Center with its huge, new dance floor. Waltz with a partner, or in a line dance to Sweet Rosie O'Grady, When Irish Eyes are Smiling or Over in Killarney. The 20 piece orchestra features B.B. Braxton, female vocalist, and also our own singing drummer, Jim Sutton, and plays fox-trot, Latin tunes, jitterbugs and has even perfected a

new polka for everyone's partner-or-line-dancing or listening pleasure. MaryBeth Foley-Cummings is their talented Director. Bring along your favorite beverages and munchies. Ice is free and cake/tea and coffee are served. Admission is \$10. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There is a 50/50 raffle (last month's winner netted \$65!), as well as door prize of free ticket to any future dance. Come join the fun, listen and/or dance to good, well-orchestrated music, and meet new friends. The Center is located at 175 Chandler Street across from the Little League fields and State Hospital, just 2 miles from the Dascomb Road Exit 42, Rt. 93N, corner of East St. in Tewksbury. There is plenty

of free, well-lighted parking and the entire building is fully handicapped accessible.

Earth Day Cleanup
April 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Help improve Tewksbury's open spaces, parks and trails. Sign up to help at <https://tinyurl.com/ydgycc69u>.

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Five things to remember about exemptions and dependents for tax year '17

By **MARILYN SANFORD**
Tax Columnist

Most taxpayers can claim one personal exemption for themselves and, if married, one for their spouse. This helps reduce their taxable income on their 2017 tax return. They may also be able to claim an exemption for each of their dependents. Each exemption normally allows them to deduct \$4,050 on their 2017 tax return. While each is worth the same amount, different rules apply to each type.

Here are five key points for taxpayers to keep in mind on exemptions and dependents when filing their 2017 tax return:

1. **Claiming Personal Exemptions.** On a joint return, taxpayers can claim one exemption for themselves and one for their spouse. If a married taxpayer files a separate return, they can only claim an exemption for their

spouse if their spouse meets all of these requirements. The spouse:

- Had no gross income.
- Is not filing a tax return.
- Was not the dependent of another taxpayer.

2. **Claiming Exemptions for Dependents.** A dependent is either a child or a relative who meets a set of tests. Taxpayers can normally claim an exemption for their dependents. Taxpayers should remember to list a Social Security number for each dependent on their tax return.

3. **Dependents Cannot Claim Exemption.** If a taxpayer claims an exemption for their dependent, the dependent cannot claim a personal exemption on their own tax return. This is true even if the taxpayer does not claim the dependent's exemption on their tax return.

4. **Dependents May Have to File a Tax Return.** This depends on certain factors

like total income, whether they are married, and if they owe certain taxes.

5. **Exemption Phase-Out.** Taxpayers earning above certain amounts will lose part or all the \$4,050 exemption. These amounts differ based on the taxpayer's filing status.

The IRS urges taxpayers to file electronically. The software will walk taxpayers through the steps of completing their return, making sure all the necessary information is included about dependents. E-file options include free Volunteer Assistance, IRS Free File, commercial software and professional assistance.

Taxpayers can get questions about claiming dependents answered by using the Interactive Tax Assistant tool on IRS.gov. The ITA called Whom May I Claim as a Dependent will help taxpayers determine if they can claim someone on their return.

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Into Action Recovery Raffle

TWEEKSBURY — Into Action Recovery is hosting an upcoming New England Patriots raffle.

Here is the link for online ticket sales <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-england-patriots-2018-tail-gait-vip-affle-into-action-recovery-inc-tickets-41961345514>

Several local businesses are selling paper tickets as well: Big Top Party Rental, TJ Callahan's Pub, Pizza Mia of Tewksbury, and Paddy's Ale House in Dracut.

They are only selling 300 tickets. Drawing is April 5, 2018 at 7 p.m. at TJ Callahan's Pub. They have 75 tickets left.

Realtor scholarships for high school students

WILMINGTON — In 2011, GBREB created a scholarship program to provide financial assistance to high school seniors with exceptional academic ability in the Greater Boston area that are pursuing their dream of receiving a college education. The scholarships range from \$500 - \$5,000, guaranteed for two years. Children and grandchildren of GBREB members are eligible to receive this scholarship. The deadline to apply is April 1.

Additionally, later this spring, GBAR will award grants of up to \$2,500 through the GBREB Foundation to approximately one dozen local non-profit organizations

which provide shelter, food and clothing, mortgage and/or rental assistance, home buyer counseling or other similar support to individuals and households. The deadline to apply for those grants is March 9.

They are also accepting applications for NAR Placemaking grants, which provide funding for small community beautification projects, park improvements and other enhancements to public spaces. These applications will be accepted through April 15.

For more information our charitable giving page or contact Kevin Butler at kbutler@gbreb.com.

Metro North Regional Housing Services office hours

WILMINGTON — The Metro North Regional Housing Services Office Housing Coordinator, Laurie Stanton, will be holding office hours to assist residents with their affordable housing questions. Laurie will be available in the Small Conference Room at Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, on two dates in March:

- Thursday, March 8 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- Thursday, March 22 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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The Metro North Regional Housing Services Office helps people find affordable housing in Reading, North Reading, Wilmington, and Saugus.

If you are unable to attend office hours on either of these dates, future dates will be announced. Laurie can also be reached at her Reading Office at 781-942-6667 during normal business hours.

WIND presents 'Differentiate Yourself'

WILMINGTON — WIND North Networking: "Differentiate Yourself" on Wednesday, March 14 at 9:15 a.m. at the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church St., Wilmington. Mark Altman, founder of MindsetGo, which coaches people to be more confident and effective communicators, will present a workshop on "Differentiate Yourself." Participants will enhance their abilities to articulate

their most valuable selling points, communicate with purpose and build their personal brand.

Prior to founding MindsetGo, Altman founded and transformed Mark Altman & Associates, which was recognized by Inc. Magazine as one of the fastest-growing privately held companies in 2010 and 2011.

Cost is \$10 for active WIND members, \$20 for new members.



Lee wins logo contest

The Wilmington Substance Abuse Coalition (WSAC) put out a contest through the Graphic Art's program at the Wilmington High School under Jennifer Fidler, Graphics Art Teacher. This contest utilized student skills to create a logo for the Coalition to use moving forward in marketing and publication materials. With over 50 submissions to the contest, this opened dialogue within the high school around substance use, prevention, and education. Of six finalists selected, the Town of Wilmington cast their votes and selected sophomore Andy Lee's logo as the winner. The Coalition thanks all participants who put time and effort into their entry and the continued partnership between the Wilmington school system and the Coalition. Pictured are (l-r): Jennifer Fidler (WHS Graphic Arts Teacher), Shelly Newhouse (Board of Health Director, WSAC Member), Andy Lee (WHS Student), Samantha Reif (WPD Health & Recovery Coordinator, WSAC Member), Linda Peters (WHS Principle), and Doreen Crowe (Director of Nursing Services, WSAC Member).

WSAC Wilmington Substance Abuse Coalition

Prevention, Education, Support

(Courtesy photo)

Wilmington learning from Arlington's example

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cused response to those affected by mental illness, train officers in mental health first aid, and participate in crisis intervention training.

Sheehan described that in the past year, they've so far completed a quarter of the crisis intervention training, two thirds of the mental health for first responders training, and partnered with a Lowell crisis center and Lahey Health.

He also believes that they've been developing a top-notch strategy for mental illness, completing the process from proactive services through to continued follow-ups for each family.

"All of our officers have the skills to deescalate, to recognize the presence of a mental health issue, and to refer the family to services and treatment."

Besides an all-inclusive strategy in the field, they're holding education services for students and for families like their weekly "Learn to Cope" sessions and other interspersed community learning. They operate with the belief that substance abuse disorder is connected to mental health, so it isn't fair to care for one and not the other.

Determined to give each person involved in a mental health disorder case the appropriate care, they've developed a mental health and substance abuse team to meet the needs they're seeing. The team is made up of TPD's community service officer Jennie Welch, prevention specialist Maria Ruggerio, family service officer Kimberly Ricciardi-O Keefe, and the newly added mental health clinician. It was a jail diversion program that brought a grant from the Department of Mental Health for a full time clinician, who works 16 hours a week in Tewksbury and splits the rest of their time between Billerica, Dracut, and Chelmsford.

Sheehan explains how they discuss treatment together and continue to make sure

that the ill are placed in treatment and the families are able to learn to cope. He assured residents that the team and the department as a whole are improving day by day.

Wilmington PD's Samantha Reif would echo the importance of collaboration for the best care for those suffering from mental health issues, particularly through a multi-disciplinary team.

"The idea behind it is incorporating different skill sets... and bringing all of the providers into the conversation in order to fill the needs of each child," Reif explained. "[They're] critical in looking at the bigger picture... to dig deeper to see what's going on."

In Wilmington, this kind of team looks like a school adjustment counselor, guidance counselor, and other staff coming alongside the resource officers to go that extra step for students' care.

Shawsheen Tech senior and Tewksbury resident Alex Benning shared that while he himself doesn't interact with them, he wouldn't be afraid to reach out to the resource officers at school.

"If it came down to it I probably would," he said. "I wouldn't want to lose anyone I'm close with."

He wants to see his police department addressing mental health issues more.

Wilmington sophomore and Students Against Destructive Decisions member Joanne Arulraj mentioned the presence of a Wilmington police officer at school to help with mental health and drug issues.

"If the police are involved with [meeting our] physical needs, they should be involved with mental and emotional needs," she said.

Something she appreciates about S.A.D.D. is that she and her peers are able to do something to address the issues that they're seeing around them instead of just complaining about them. She'd like to see officers recognizing the struggling students around her as well.

Besides this multi-disciplinary team and their own participation in critical intensive training, Wilmington has several resources for their police-mental health collaboration. There's firstly the Substance Abuse Coalition where they write a regular newsletter of mental health information.

Reif is also working with the ROOTS Coalition, which stands for "raising our own to be strong", which was co-founded by Kim Mydych and Jen Mason, to provide mental health education around

substance abuse.

As part of Wilmington's commitment to bring more community-based programs comes a behavioral health fair for parents of school-aged children.

"That has a lot of resources around behavioral health... where to learn, what symptoms to pick up on," she continued.

This program will be held on May 15. Reif is itching to get even more opportunities on the calendar and to find more ways to fill in mental health education gaps.

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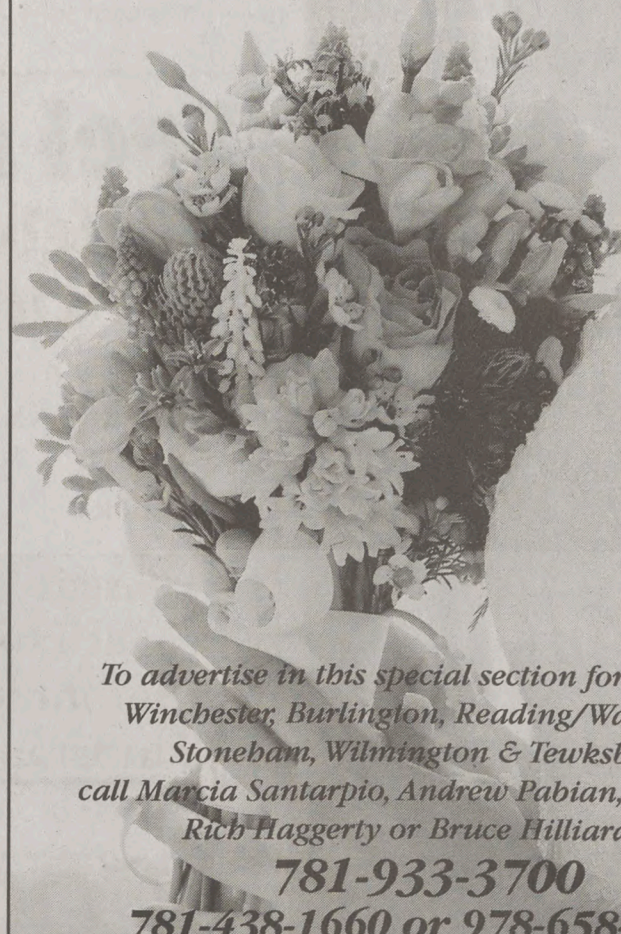
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Town manager appoints new deputy fire chief

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He had been responsible for inspections of nursing homes, schools, group homes and medical facilities, as well.

Prior to joining the fire department, Cavanaugh served in the US Navy for four years. He was honorably discharged.

Two years ago, the deputy fire chief, working with Elderly Services Director Terri Marciello, obtained a

grant from the National Fire Prevention Association entitled "Remembering When." The grant allowed both Cavanaugh and Maricello to complete a training program to instruct elders on fire and fall prevention.

The two were able to instruct 32 seniors over a six month period on ways to be safe in their homes.

This appointment comes on the heels of the appointment of Joseph McMahon to fire

chief. McMahon replaced long-time chief Rick McClellan who retired earlier this year.

Hull noted at the meeting that "(Cavanaugh) will be a great compliment and resource" to the current fire chief.

The rest of the selectmen all praised the appointment including chair Michael Champoux who noted that "good things happen to good people."

Wilmington reviews safety measures following Parkland shooting

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ton High School has 12 exterior cameras and 48 interior cameras. Wilmington Middle School has cameras outside of restrooms and around the four perimeter staircases.

- Wilmington Middle School and Wilmington High School use a Raptor system. This system requires that visitors put their ID in a machine, which links up with a variety of databases. If there are no issues, the visitor is issued a pass; if the individual's ID raises a flag within a database, the administration and police are notified.

- Two-way radios are used within and among schools in the district. Staff members can use these radios to communicate within school buildings, across schools within close proximity, and with the public safety building.

- The District has worked and continues to work closely with the police and fire departments. Wilmington is an ALICE district and practices drills twice each year. Ongoing training for this

program takes place in conjunction with the police department.

- Each school has a building based safety committee. There is also an overarching district safety committee.

- The district safety committee will walk each building in the coming weeks to ensure that all safety provisions are being implemented properly.

- There is a School Resource Officer in both Wilmington Middle School and Wilmington High School.

Ruggiero made note of the vital role that police and fire departments play in maintaining safety in the schools. "As you're all aware, the police and fire are tremendous in this community. One phone call and they're there in seconds. It's incredible, the relationship we have, from the Chief right on down," he said.

Ruggiero also noted the planned National School Walk-Out Day, scheduled to take place on March 14. He stated that the Wilmington Public Schools are aware of

the planned event, and that the district is working on a plan for the day. He stated that the objective is to bring awareness to school security, as well as to offer a remembrance of the tragedy in Parkland.

School Committee member Peggy Kane noted that she would prefer if the plan for March 14 kept the middle school students separate from events taking place at the high school.

"The Middle School, those kids are only 11, 12, I'd like to keep them out of it if possible," she said.

Vice Chair Julie Broussard also noted the importance of maintaining order and organization on that day.

"I just want to make sure we have adequate supervision of students when they leave the building. They're still kids," she said.

Ruggiero said that more clarity would be available in the coming weeks, as it becomes more evident what other districts are doing, saying, "We'll come up with a plan."



Learning to be good citizens

Aaron Danciewicz and Jesse Quigley volunteered last Saturday at the Wilmington Food Pantry. The scouts from Troop 126 were fulfilling a requirement for their Citizenship in the Community merit badge. (Courtesy photo)

Selectmen seeking new counsel

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presented with at meeting time. This was the RFP approved for release in the vote.

The original plan had been a 6-month interim period between the disbandment and the beginning date for the new counsel.

The affirmative vote was preceded by a failed motion made by Selectman Michael McCoy to table the proposal until a later meeting, pending further interviews with candidates for interim counsel. McCoy and Cairra are currently serving on the negotiation team overseeing this process. McCoy argued that acceleration of the overall process interfered with his and Cairra's ability to carry out their responsibilities in these negotiations.

"This a complete 180 of what we agreed three weeks ago, plain and simple," said McCoy. "Why don't we just table this until the next

meeting?"

Chairman Michael Champoux, on the other hand, suggested that putting forward an RFP and continuing interim negotiations would not be mutually exclusive, and that the search for new, permanent counsel should not be slowed by short-term factors. "The sooner we get someone identified as our permanent counsel, the less chance there is of having to muscle through a transition on a brand new issue," Champoux said.

Selectman Ed Loud suggested that no time should be wasted in beginning the selection process for new counsel.

"It's going to take time for old counsel to get new counsel up to speed on current cases," he noted.

Selectman Greg Bendel agreed that continuing with negotiations did not preclude releasing an RFP.

"I don't see why we can't do both," he said.

Caira stated that he would prefer if all applicants appeared before the Board of Selectmen, rather than undergoing a narrowing down process through a subcommittee of department heads.

"I certainly want to see all of the applications that come in," he said.

He, too, agreed with the timetable presented by Hull, reiterating his original suggestion that the goal be for new counsel to be in place at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

"I think this timeline is perfect. I think we can get it done."

Hull stated that he expects that current Town Attorney John Foskett will serve as legal counsel at the board meeting on March 20, though he has not confirmed this yet. The Town Meeting legal counsel is currently "up in the air." Champoux has suggested that it would be ideal if the same counsel be used for both, with Foskett as top choice.

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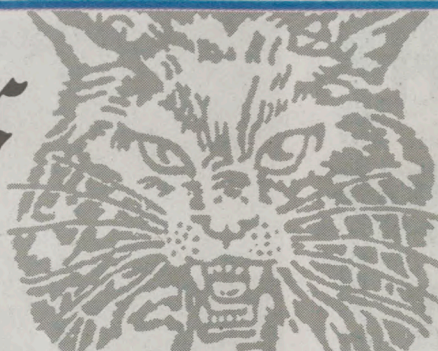
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WHS Girls Hoop tops Lynn Classical; will take on Wakefield in sectional semifinals

Wildcats knock down No. 1 seed

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LYNN - The cliché that 'offense wins you games but defense wins you championships' usually comes into play in the hockey rinks, but on basketball court, defense is what has put the Wilmington High School girls' basketball team one win away from a sectional final, two wins away from an Eastern Mass game and three wins away from a possible state championship title.

On Saturday afternoon, the Wildcats were giving up some easy baskets early on and trailed by five points with 4:37 left in the third quarter. That's when first-year head coach Jessica Robinson took a timeout and told her players that they needed defensive stops and reminded them of the similar situation they were in earlier in the season against Wakefield, in which the 'Cats overcame a double-digit lead while not giving up a single point in the fourth quarter.

From that timeout, the 'Cats didn't give up a field goal over the next 8:49, and by that point, Wilmington had an eight-point lead

before going on to stun and pull off a major upset over the No. 1 seed. Lynn Classical, 64-58, in a Division 2 North Sectional quarterfinal game played at Lynn Classical High School.

The win improved Wilmington's record to 15-7 and pushed the team into the sectional semi-final which was played Wednesday night with results not known before presstime against the same Wakefield team. Lynn Classical ended their season with a 19-2 overall record.

"We knew that it needed to be a defensive effort because (Lynn Classical is) are a very strong offensive team. The last ten minutes we really locked down and we started to play the defense that got us here," said Wilmington first-year head coach Jessica Robinson. "When we were down (by six points early in the third), during a timeout and I said to the girls' do you remember against Wakefield we were down and we talked about getting defensive stops and we held them scoreless through the fourth quarter?" Well this is the same thing, we need defensive stops and we needed that defensive effort. They dug in and gave

me that."

A lot of the credit for the defensive stops belongs to freshman Kylie DuCharme. She came off the bench, and ended up playing almost the entire game. When she got into the line-up, she was told to guard Classical's best player, Paris Wilkey, who had scored seven of the team's first nine points.

"Kylie did a hell of a job on (Wilkey), who is a phenomenal player," said Robinson. "Our thing all season is our defense and we got into some foul trouble. That worried me because with Dana (Goulet) and Liz (Gordon) they are my lockdown defenders but everybody else stepped up today. It was more points than we were used to giving up, but we put the ball in the hoop as well."

Wilmington was in foul trouble most of the night. Gordon and Goulet had three each in the first half, and point guard Bella Granara had two. Due to those troubles, the 'Cats struggled for consistency on both ends of the court, trailing 13-12 after the first and 29-27 at the break.

After that timeout was t

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Wilmington High sophomore guard Jenna Tavanese takes a three-point shot, while senior center Caroline Andersen watches from the post during last Wednesday's state tournament win over Saugus played at the Cushing Gymnasium. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Caroline Andersen and Kylie DuCharme

Duo leads the team at both ends of the court

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LYNN - On one hand you had No. 14, who took over the game down low with her put backs, rebounds and getting to the free throw line. On the other hand, you had No. 23, who was shutting down the opposing team's best player from scoring on shots from outside, inside or in the lane.

No. 14, senior Caroline Andersen is a veteran and No. 23, Kylie DuCharme is a freshman. The two are dif-

ferent in ages, play different positions, but were both huge reasons why the Wilmington High School girls' basketball team knocked off the No. 1 seed Lynn Classical, 64-58, in a Division 2 North Quarterfinal game played Saturday afternoon at Lynn Classical High School.

Andersen finished the game with 21 points and 11 rebounds. The 6-foot-2 center scored nine of her 21 points in the final 3:59 of the third quarter as part of Wilmington's 13-4 run, over-

coming a five-point deficit to go up by three at the end of three quarters and never look back.

"This is incredible," said Andersen, who also had 11 rebounds. "Coming off last year's season with the first round tournament loss to Tewksbury, everybody was just so down. But I knew that with this season, with Coach (Robinson), with Kylie (DuCharme) and it's just different energy. We knew that we were going to come

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Wilmington High senior goalie Ryan St. Jean, shown here going after a loose puck in the win over Winthrop on Friday night, had three strong games inbetween the pipes for the boys hockey team during their state tournament run, which ended Tuesday night with a loss to Stoneham. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

WHS Boys Hockey team falls in sectional semifinals

Magical run comes to an end

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LOWELL - About six weeks ago, the Wilmington High School boys' hockey team suffered its worst loss in decades. At the time, the thought of making the state tournament was not on the horizon - it was more about salvaging some respect.

Well over the last six weeks, the 'Cats earned the respect from so many teams and fans. Wilmington went on a terrific run, closing the season out winning five in a row and seven out of nine which pushed the team into the state tournament. There the 'Cats upset Lynnfield and Winthrop before falling to league rival Stoneham, 4-1, in the Division 2 North sectional semi-finals played Tuesday night at the Tsongas Center.

The No. 2 seed Stoneham scored on the first shift of the game before No. 14 seed Wilmington tied it up late in the first. The score remained the same until the Spartans scored with 50 seconds left in the second. They officially put the game away in the final 90 seconds, scoring an even strength goal and then an empty-netter.

Wilmington surely had its chances with AJ McKearney and Jarred Aucoin both hitting posts, while the 'Cats couldn't convert on three power play chances.

"There's a couple of goals you would like to have back," said Wildcat head coach Steve Scanlon. "Plus, there were a lot of posts hit for both teams. The one with AJ (McKearney) hit the kid, hit the post and then the other post. Aucoin had another one. A break here and there and you might get back in it, but we gave up goals in tough times during the game. We gave up one on the first shift of the game and

then that one with 50 seconds left in the second period."

This was the third meeting between the two teams with the Spartans winning all three. This one lifts the team to the sectional final to face Boston Latin on Monday back at the Tsongas.

"They have a good team," said Scanlon. "You have to tip your cap to them. When a

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Strong defensive effort leads 'Cats past Saugus in tournament opener

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WILMINGTON - Last Wednesday night, the Wilmington High School girls' basketball team made history when it became the first program to win a state tournament game in the new Cushing Memorial Gymnasium. Though there were no dramatics - just a stop every five seconds due to fouls being called - the No. 8 seed Wildcats defeated a pesky, athletic No. 9 seed Saugus, 53-40, before a large home crowd.

This was the first tournament win for the Wildcat program since 2013.

After the win over Saugus, Wilmington went on to defeat No. 1 seed Lynn Classical which pushed the team into the sectional semifinals against league rival Wakefield. It's also the first time since that '13 season that the 'Cats have gone thus far.

In the opening win over the Sachems, Wilmington led 16-11 after the first, 28-18 at the break, 46-26 after three and were up 53-33 with 2:36 left before Saugus closed out the game outscoring Wilmington 7-0.

"I thought we played well throughout the entire game," said head coach Jessica Robinson, who picked up her first playoff win with the program. "It was a hard to get into a flow. There were a lot of stoppages, but we came out and I thought we played well (from the opening tip-off). Obviously we had some jitters which is expected - you are playing in a home tournament game, it's loud and we're not used to the noise (and the bigger crowd). Early on in the first (quarter) we took a timeout

and we just talked about settling down and the girls did just that. We scored some points in transition which is what we were hoping to do after watching Saugus play a couple of times."

Defensively, like the team has for most of the season, the 'Cats were very strong throughout the game. Wilmington didn't give up a field goal in the entire second quarter - Saugus scored all seven points from the charity stripe - and then went the first 1:39 of the third without giving up one until Alessia Salzillo, the team's best player, converted on a floater in the lane to cut Wilmington's lead to a dozen.

"Everything runs through (Salzillo)," said Robinson. "I thought Dana (Goulet) and Liz (Gordon) who were primarily on her, did a great job containing her. Most of her points came from the free throw line - except she had a strong third quarter. Overall, I thought we had a great effort defensively. That's been our strength the last ten games or so."

Salzillo scored another field goal with 4:02 left and she accounted for both field goals in the second and third quarters. She added two more in the fourth quarter, meaning she had all of the buckets in the final three quarters.

On the flip side, Wilmington had a small 16-12 lead early in the first quarter before four field goals by Morgan Bresnahan (2), Dana Goulet and Kylie DuCharme - on her 15th birthday - pushed the lead to double digits at 24-13.

Gordon scored on back-to-back baskets to open the third, and that followed with five combined inside baskets

from Caroline Andersen and Bresnahan to push the lead to 20 after three quarters. Right before Andersen's final bucket of the third, sophomore Jenna Tavanese scored on a lay-up, using a nice body fake move on a 2-on-1 break, and then added a three-pointer from deep beyond the line with 3:22 left in the game.

"Jenna is playing well for us. She has been coming off the bench for us. She brings some tempo. Bella (Granara) is our slow it down, set things up (point guard) and we bring Jenna in to bring some tempo and she has done a nice job. When she's out there moving the ball, a lot of things open up for our big (players). We have size that a lot of teams can't match," said Robinson.

Andersen and Bresnahan both finished in double figures with 12 and 10, respectively. Tavanese and Gordon had seven each and DuCharme and Jill Roche had six each. During a late timeout in the fourth quarter, the entire Wilmington crowd sang Happy Birthday to DuCharme.

In the second half, Wilmington did a much better job than they have during the regular season of using the clock - especially with a lead.

"I took a timeout to remind them to slow things down," said Robinson. "I'm really happy with how we are playing right now. I think we got teams worried about us. Going in (to the tournament), we were an after thought but now we're a team who if you see us on your side of the bracket, you may be concerned. They should be because we're playing well and we're hungry."



Wilmington High senior Jill Roche takes the ball to the net while trying to avoid two Saugus players during last Wednesday's tournament opener played at the Cushing Gymnasium. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Wildcats knock down No. 1 seed

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aken with 4:37 left in the third, the 'Cats relied on 6-foot-2 center Caroline Andersen. Wilmington started to break Classical's 2-3 zone defense with long stretch passes, before feeding Andersen inside, who got fouled on many occasions. She converted 5-of-6 free throws, and after connecting on two, Classical extended the lead back to five with three freebies.

From there it was all Wilmington. The 'Cats polished off the final 1:42 of the third quarter on a 9-1 run behind put backs by DuCharme and Andersen on put backs, before DuCharme drained a three and Andersen added another put

back with six seconds left giving Wilmington a three-point lead after three.

That momentum carried into the fourth quarter with a 7-0 run. Jenna Tavanese played a big role with a three-pointer, before a gorgeous give-and-go with Andersen finishing strong. Bella Granara closed it out with two free throws and Wilmington suddenly had a ten-point lead.

Lynn Classical would trim the deficit down to eight several times and then six with 2:13 left but could never get back to within one possession. Granara would later sink a huge three-pointer, while Andersen on a put back and Dana Goulet on a

lay-up, also came through with big buckets.

"We have size and our shooters were knocking down shots to stretch their zone out," said Robinson. "We talked about you have to move the ball quick against the zone and the girls went out in the second half and did a great job of executing everything we talked about at halftime."

Andersen led Wilmington with 21 points, followed by Granara, who had a quiet but huge 15 points. Bresnahan, Gordon and Tavanese had six each. Andersen also had 11 rebounds with Bresnahan adding 10 and Granara and DuCharme with five each.



Wilmington High senior Morgan Bresnahan puts a shot over the hands of a Saugus player during last Wednesday's home tournament game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



Wilmington High senior Liz Gordon goes after a loose ball during last Wednesday's Division 2 North first round tournament game against Saugus. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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ences, and essay are available online at <http://wilmingtonyouthhockey.org/> or Kathi O'Donoghue at wyha.scholarship@wilmingtonyouthhockey.org.

Deadline to submit all portions of this application process is March 18, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.

Duo leads the team at both ends of the court

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in here and play our best basketball that we have all season and we definitely did."

Wilmington got off to a slow start - mainly with foul trouble on three of its players.

"We play up to our competition," said Andersen.

"Obviously Lynn Classical is a very good team and we just all rose to the competition. I know, as a senior, I did not want this to be my last game. No one else wanted it to be their last game. I know Kylie DuCharme didn't either and to go this far as a freshman is just unbelievable."

lievable."

DuCharme didn't start the game, but may as well have. She played almost the entire game and finished with five points, all in the second half, as well as five rebounds. She scored all five points in the 1:17 stretch, converting on a put back and then draining a

three-pointer with 25 seconds left which actually gave Wilmington the lead for good.

But it wasn't those two buckets which made her one of the two bigger stars of the game. It was on the other side on defense as she did a great job of shutting down Classical's best player Paris Wilkey, who started off hot with six of the team's first seven points and 13 points through the halftime break.

With DuCharme guarding her, Wilkey then only made one field goal in the third quarter and just two more in the fourth.

"She's really good because she can shoot from deep and

she can also attack the basket so I kind of had to stay a little low on her but also high at the same time," said DuCharme. "By the end of the game, I started to understand her and her moves more so it was easier towards the end of the game."

It was also easier with Wilmington having a double-digit cushion lead instead of trailing by a bucket or two. The 'Cats didn't give up a field goal over a span of 8:49 between the third and fourth quarters and at the same time started to put pieces together offensively against Classical's 2-3 zone defense.

"Not a lot of teams play

zone against us at first because they realize that we have the height advantage and we can dominate them down low," said Andersen. "(Lynn Classical) went into that 2-3 (zone) and for us it was just about the fast, quick passes, rotating the ball, they jumped at every head fake so if we could just get them out of position, we could make the easy lay-ups and the open threes."

Wilmington indeed converted on easy lay-ups and eight treys on the night - all part of the winning way into the sectional semi-final.

"We just need to keep pushing and working hard," said DuCharme



To the left, freshman Kylie DuCharme dribbles with the ball and above Caroline Andersen takes the ball to the hoop during last Wednesday's game against Saugus. The duo then helped the team knock off Lynn Classical in the following round.

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Division 2 North Quarterfinals

Winthrop gives Wilmington all kinds of problems

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WOBURN - When it comes to being a successful hockey team, you need your goaltender to actually win you games. Come playoff time, that's invaluable, and that's just what Ryan St. Jean did on Friday night.

The Wilmington High School senior was stellar once again inbetween the pipes. He stopped 33-of-34 shots from a very strong Winthrop team, while he was helped out by junior Danny Woods, who led the offense with a hat trick, as the No. 14 seed Wildcats pulled off their second upset of the Division 2 North sectional tournament with a 4-1 win over No. 6 seed Winthrop played before a very large crowd at the O'Brien Arena.

Wilmington - which previously knocked off No. 3 seed Lynnfield in the first round - improves to 13-9-0, have extended its winning streak to six games, while advancing to the sectional semifinals to play No. 2 Stoneham on Tuesday night.

In this match-up against Winthrop, St. Jean was on right from the start. He stopped all eight shots he saw in the first period and then he was very busy in the second as the Vikings outshot Wilmington, 16-6, before making ten more saves in the third.

"You're happy with the result as it's always survive and advance, but we didn't play well," said WHS head coach Steve Scanlon. "If it wasn't for the goaltending, we would have been in big trouble. They put 30 (plus) shots on us and I thought the best period we played was the third. A couple of good performances between Danny (Woods) and (St. Jean) saved us. They are a scrappy team and all of that and they did some things that bothered us, but I didn't think we played well. We were fumbling the puck and I don't know if it was nerves or what, but we never seemed to be able to get our feet from under us. We're happy (to move on)."

In the game the Wildcats



Above, Wilmington High junior Ryan Barrett tries to poke the puck away and below senior Nate DiMeco gets ready to take a shot on net during the boys' hockey team's win over Winthrop played Friday night at the O'Brien Rink in Woburn. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).



were outshot 34-21 and had a lot of trouble containing

Winthrop's rugged blueliner, Henry Brooks, a beauti-

ful skater who was also tough to bring down.

"He's great and we had a lot of trouble with him," said Scanlon. "We talked about slowing him down and not letting him get a big head of steam but he seemed to get it everytime. We tried to angle him off. We weren't putting a body on him but a lot of it was him. He's a good player. Him and number 17 (Sam Yarrow). There's not a shot that he doesn't like. He fires that puck all night long and that's why he scores goals because he shoots, shoots, shoots. They are a good scrappy team and we thought we could wear them down for the third period but they kept coming."

Wilmington took a 1-0 lead scoring a goal with over nine minutes remaining in the first period. Tom Worob gathered a loose puck just outside Wilmington's blue line. He skated across to the other side of the ice, and on the right wing side, he took a shot which was saved, but Woods was there to pounce on the loose puck for his first of three goals on the night.

St. Jean kept it 1-0 with two beauties in the first few minutes of the second. He made a nice shoulder save on Luke Evangelista from the slot, and then stopped the same player with a big save at the right side of the net.

With 4:59 left in the period, Wilmington senior defenseman Jarred Aucoin was called for a five minute major penalty for boarding. Just 2:02 later, Brooks skated end-to-end and unleashed a cannon slap shot to the far right hand corner to tie the game up at 1-1 with the power play tally. Then with under a minute left, Wilmington went ahead with what proved to be the game winner. Woods was

able to poke the puck away from a defenseman, and through the neutral zone, he outraced the player to the loose puck, entered the Winthrop zone and put a beautiful move on the goalie, pulling the puck back before moving to his right and going upstairs. That goal made it 2-1 with 28 seconds left in the second period.

"The short-hander goal was a killer," said Scanlon. "I thought it was a questionable call (on Aucoin). I don't think he deserved the five minute major on that. I would have given him two (minutes) tops but the kid turned at the last minute (before taking the hit). We did a good job on the kill and (Woods) is dangerous on the man down. He scored a few like that for us during the regular season, but that goal was definitely the back breaker. We talked about it before the start of the third period that the next goal is a huge goal and we were able to get it."

Winthrop could have easily tied the game back up in the early portion of the third period but St. Jean made two critical saves, the first on a big slap on a 2-on-1 break, and then a shoulder stop on the rebound from that initial shot.

"He missed the month of December and then he played well and then he got in that funk in the middle of the season," said Scanlon. "We pulled him out and we let (Anthony Cuozzo) play a few games and (St. Jean) seemed to straighten himself out in practice. He didn't tank it. He helped (Cuozzo) and it looked like he was being a leader. We gave him another shot and he has played well since. He was an all-star goalie last year. I know that he has been through a lot but he has come up big for us a

couple of games in a row, so we'll be riding him the rest of the way."

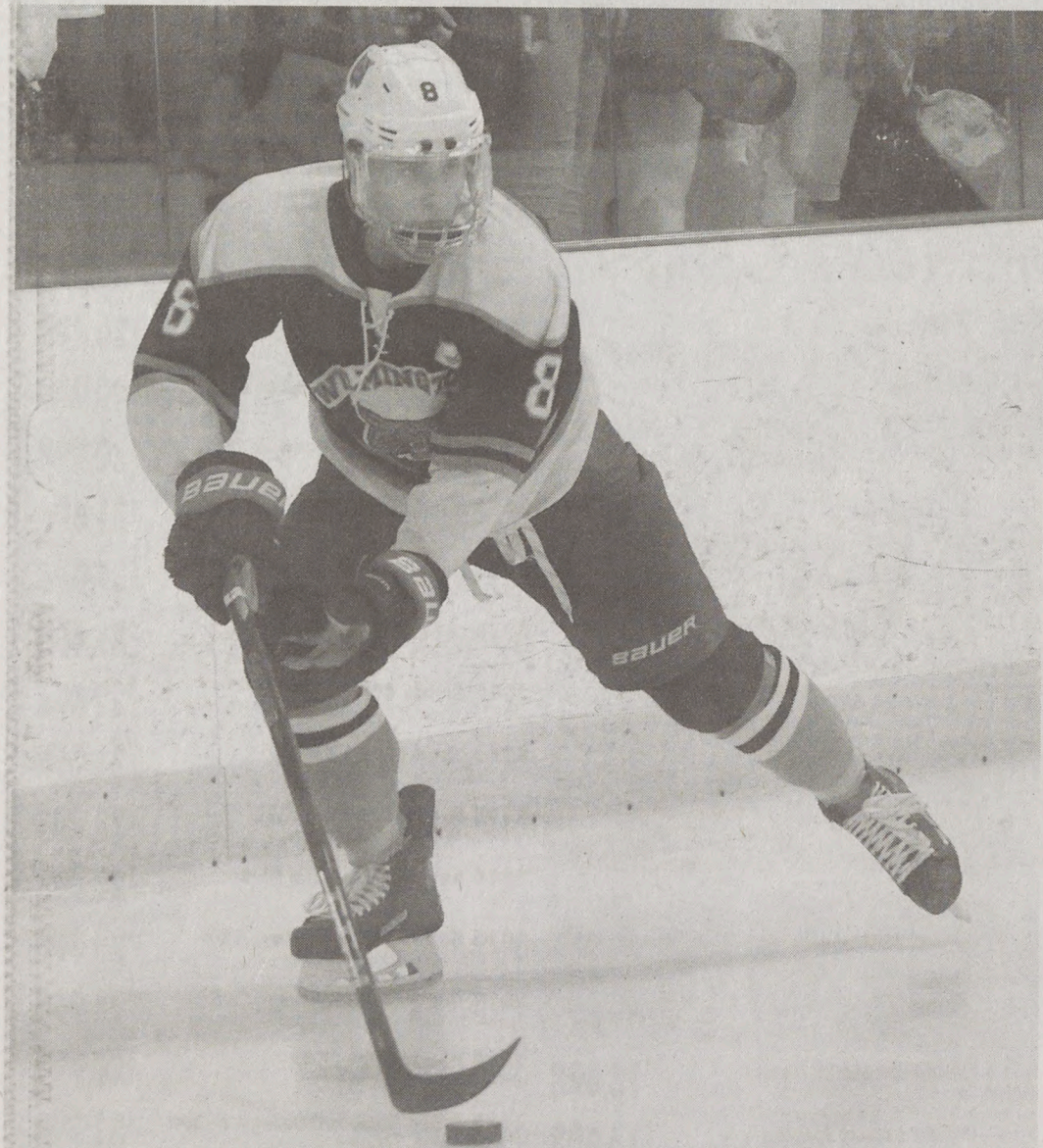
With 5:08 left in the game, Woods scored his third goal of the game on a wrist shot to the top corner. Then with 28 seconds left, Ryan Barrett put the icing on the cake with an empty-netter.

Before the puck was dropped on the ensuing face-off, Scanlon lifted St. Jean and inserted senior Stephen Bowker to close out the game and get his first state tournament appearance under his belt.

"Stephen has been the consummate teammate," said Scanlon. "He's in a tough situation and I think he deserves that (playing time) as we're closing down on the season. He's always the first one to congratulate the other kids, the kids like him a lot and I just have been trying to put him in as much as I can where Anthony (Cuozzo) has another year."

Bowker didn't face a shot but he faced all of his teammates who huddled together to celebrate the not-so-pretty victory.

"Our secret is the league we play in," said Scanlon. "The Middlesex League is a grind. We are playing over our heads on most of the nights. The whole season you can really catch up to speed when you are playing Arlington, Reading, Burlington and you are doing everything you can just to stay in games. So when we come to the tournament and we see some teams that are within our speed, we can play with them. We weren't worried about the seed. We were just trying to get into the tournament because we knew that if we did, we could make some noise."



Wilmington High senior captain AJ McKearney, shown here skating with the puck during Friday's win over Winthrop, had a terrific season both as a defenseman and as the team's leader. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Senior captain AJ McKearney

A natural born leader

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WOBURN - Back on January 27th, the Wilmington High School boys' hockey program suffered its worst loss in

decades, losing 10-1 to Arlington and fall to 4-7 on the season. Certainly Wilmington didn't play well, but also had several players on the bench with various injuries.

Since the demoralizing

defeat, the 'Cats have gone 9-2, including two upset state tournament victories over Lynnfield then Winthrop. Certainly there were a lot of factors into the turnaround,

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Woods ignites offense with a trick (or two, or three)

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WOBURN - Danny Woods said a few times during his interview that he was "speechless", so apparently he let his stick do all of the talking for him.

On Friday night, the junior forward scored a hat trick to lead the Wilmington High School Boys' Hockey team to a 4-1 victory over Winthrop in the Division 2 North sectional tournament played before a very large crowd at the O'Brien Arena.

He scored a goal in each of the three periods. Besides the scoring, he also played one of his strongest all-around games of the season.

"Dan is quick. He has good hands and he has good offensive talent," said head coach Steve Scanlon. "He can play on the power play, he can kill penalties and he takes a regular shift. He is a good skater. He's pretty disruptive. He's good at poking pucks past kids and going on to get them."

Woods logged a lot of ice time on Friday night and turned in great results. He scored his first goal putting in a rebound off an initial shot by Tommy Worob. Winthrop tied the game up with a power play goal coming with 2:47 left in the second. The Vikings still had 2:48 left on the power play and could have easily gone ahead and changed the entire tone of the game. But Woods wanted nothing to do with that.

With under a minute left in the period, Wilmington went ahead with what proved to be the game winner. Woods was able to poke the puck away from a defenseman, and through the neutral zone, he outraced the player to the loose puck, entered the Winthrop zone and put a beautiful move on the goalie, pulling the puck back before moving to his

right and going upstairs.

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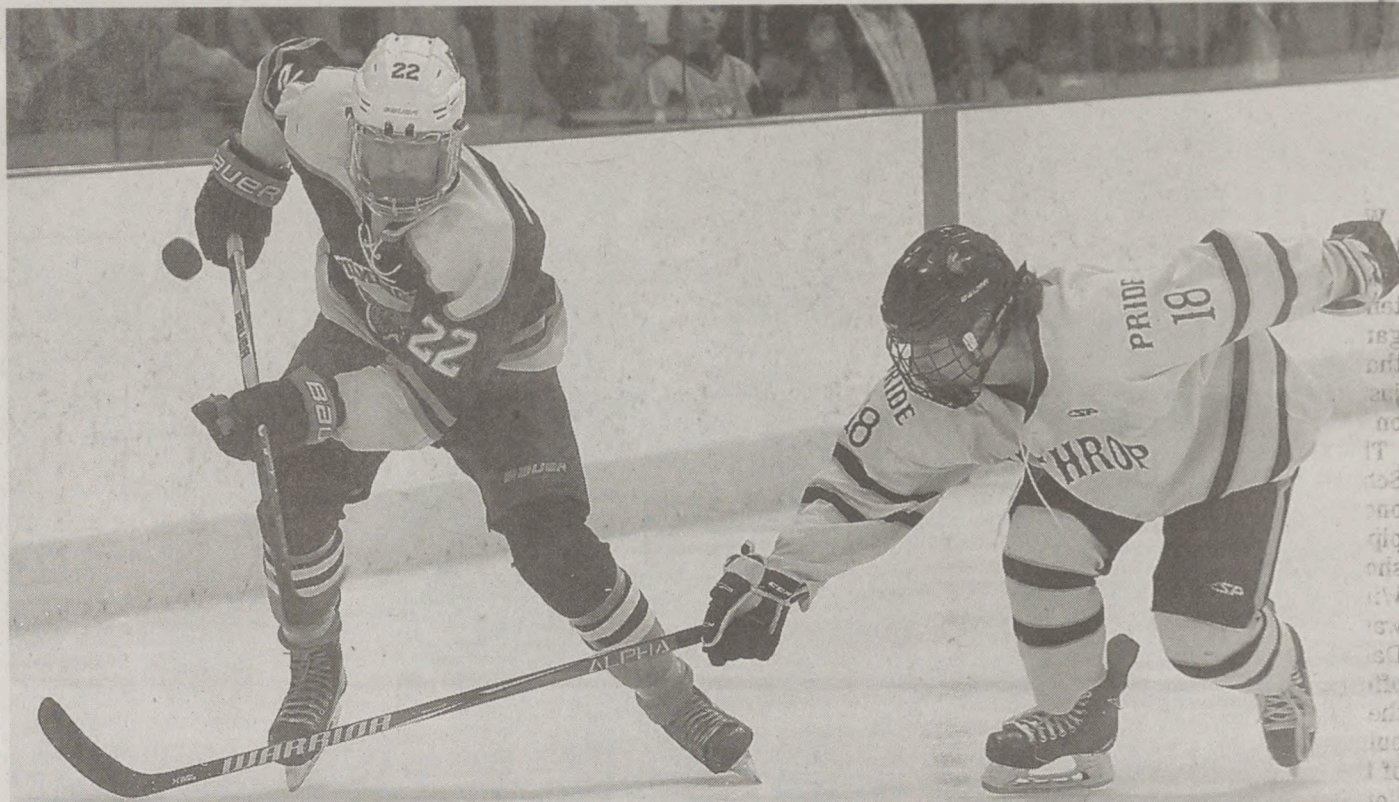
Woods did score the game's next goal, coming on a wrist shot with five minutes left in the third, but it was that short-handed goal - coming within a minute left in the period, that officially put the dagger in much deeper.

"I was skating side-by-side with (their defenseman) and he went to reach for it so I poked it by him to pull ahead. The goal made a move for the puck, so I just pulled it to my backhand (and went upstairs)," said Woods.

Woods made it a two-goal lead with the third period tally before teammate Ryan Barrett scored on an empty-netter with 28 seconds left on the scoreboard once again.

The four goals gave Wilmington the win and put them into the sectional semi-final against Stoneham on Tuesday night.

This means a lot to all of us. Playing as a freshman we got some playoff experience, but this unreal and I'm speechless right now," said Woods. "I'm speechless. It's the most unreal feeling I have ever had so I'm just speechless right now."



Wilmington High junior forward Danny Woods pushes the puck ahead of a Winthrop player during Friday night's win. Woods scored the team's first three goals of the game to lead the offense. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Wilmington's wild ride comes to an end in semifinals

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team beats another team three times in a season, that's a difficult thing to do. They are a good club."

Stoneham scored just 24 seconds into the game as Nick Feliciano put home a loose puck in front of the net. The game stayed that way until less than two minutes left in the first. Junior Danny Woods kept up his hot scoring streak but shifting past two defenders moving right to left, before going upstairs with a shot which landed under the crossbar to tie the game up at 1-1.

The 'Cats played much better in the second period and held a 9-8 advantage in shots, coming after being outshot 15-5 in the first.

"I thought we did a better job of matching the intensity with them, but I was surprised because I thought the game was kind of slow. I thought there was a lot of nerves," said Scanlon.

Wilmington goalie Ryan St.

Jean (29 saves) also settled in nicely, making a number of big-time saves to keep it a 1-1 game.

"Once he settled in he played great," said Scanlon. "He was fighting the puck a bit early in the first period and really settled in and played well in the second period. He was an all-star goalie for us last year. He had some tough patches earlier this season, but he settled down good in the tournament games. We didn't have any doubt of who we were going with."

Wilmington killed off a penalty late in the second period and shortly after that, Stoneham netted the game winner as Bob Delling beat a defender on the right wall, curled in and slid the puck over to Nick Deltrecco, who tapped it in.

Wilmington had a number of good bids in the third. Besides hitting the post twice, Connor Benoit, Dylan

Bresnahan and Woods twice all had solid shots on net, all turned away by Peter Barry (24 saves).

"It just seemed like a break here or there, and we never got going on the power play. It was something that didn't work good for us the entire year," said Scanlon. "The second period we outshot them, we were coming back (on defense), but (once you are down by a goal) it's tough to play chase in a tournament game. You are running out of time, you are down to six minutes (in the game), they went into a trap and were throwing the puck the length of the ice, just trying to kill time. It was a good tactic."

Wilmington's magical ride has now come to an end.

"There was a point where we were 4-7 on the season and things looked bleak. We took some real bad beatings against Winchester and Arlington and we could have

packed our bags, but the kids came back and had a real nice month of February and had a real nice run here in the tournament. We won five straight and nine out of eleven (before tonight)," said Scanlon.

Wilmington will lose eleven seniors off the team including goalies St. Jean and Stephen Bowker, defenseman Jarred Aucoin, Dylan Bresnahan, AJ McKearney and Tom Robarge as well as forwards Bobby Lord, Nate DiMeco, Tom Worob, Michael DuCharme and Joe Mirabella.

"The seniors have been a great group for us," said Scanlon. "For a couple of years, they have led the way. They did a lot of stuff in the off-season which really helped out. Tommy (Worob) and AJ (McKearney) were great captains. We will miss them."

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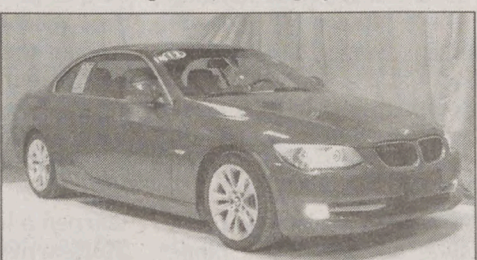
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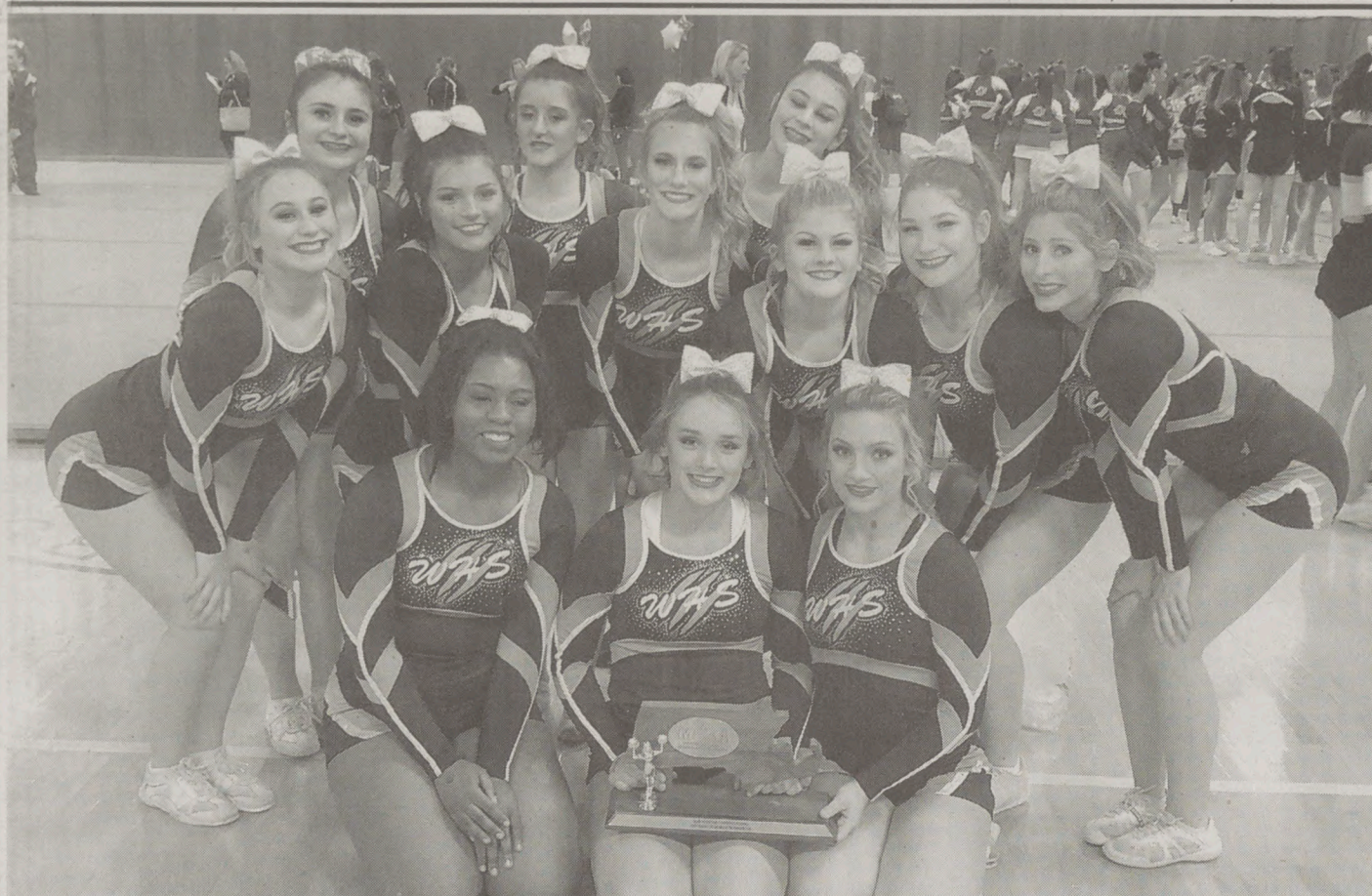
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The WHS Cheerleading team placed second at the Division 3 North Regional competition this past weekend. The team includes front row from left: Brittany Mallebranche, Captain Ashley Rooney and Captain Samantha Belmonte; second row from left: Allie Ford, Alex DiRienzo, Chloe McCauley, Tori Sanborn, Allison Celata and Kaitlyn Howland; and third row from left: Michaela O'Brien, Shannon Barrett and Kaitlyn Gillespie. (courtesy photo).

Cheerleaders place second at D3 Regionals

On Sunday, the Wilmington High School cheerleading team placed second at the Division 3 North Regional competition. The runners-up spot clinched a spot in the MSSAA State Cheerleading tournament to be held on Sunday at Whitman-Hanson

Regional High School.

"The girls hit an energetic routine executing their skills with great confidence," said head coach Christina Zuccaro. "We had a few minor mistakes, but that leaves room for us to improve moving into the

State tournament. Our athletes have been working very hard for the last four weeks preparing for winter season.

"After returning from Dallas (for the fall season nationals), we had to reorganize the routine and add

in more difficulty. I am very proud of these athletes for their accomplishments this season. There was a fantastic Wildcat crowd turnout to support the girls."

Pee Wee 1's enjoy a big comeback victory

This past Sunday evening at the Kasabuski Rink in Saugus the Wilmington Wildcats PeeWee 1 hockey team defeated the North Reading Hornets 5-3 with a thrilling, come from behind, victory!

North Reading scored first just under three minutes into the game and added a second goal two minutes later putting the Cats back on their heels. Wilmington battled back but were denied as the Hornet's goalie made several great saves.

Despite the solid defensive work from Matthew DiZoglio, Matt Mozuch, Jacob Smith and Charlie Chirichiello, North Reading was able to extend their lead to 3-0 with a tipped in shot from the point. The Wildcats kept playing hard and with a little over a minute to go in the period, Daniel Lagunilla slammed in a rebound from Brett Ebert to make it 3-1. Ryan Hayden played a strong wing on that line as well.

Entering the second period being down 3-1 seemed to put some wind into the Wildcat's sails. Ryan Papineau, Jake McLean and Tyler Beals attacked offensively and created several good scoring opportunities as did the line of Alex Burns, Bobby Dodge and Brett Gallucci. At the halfway point of the period Hayden, now on defense, sent a pass up to Burns who sped past the Hornets defense a ripped a nice wrist shot into the net

high on the glove side to make it 3-2.

North Reading fought back but Wilmington's defense and goaltending continued to stay strong. Again, with just over a minute to go in the period, the Cats scored. Ebert stole the puck in the neutral zone and raced in, faked their goalie out of his skates, and slid the tying goal in the net!

With a 3-3 score entering the final frame of the game the resilient Wildcat team turned up the volume. Big defensive plays from both Smith and Mozuch helped keep the puck in the attacking zone. Wilmington continued to put pressure on the Hornets and at 7:18, Beals broke loose with the puck, streaked in and scored a rocket wrist shot past N. Reading's goalie blocker side up high to give the Wildcats a 4-3 lead. The Hornets again tried to fight back only to be shut down by the collective team effort of the PeeWee 1 team.

Next, with just under two and a half minutes remaining in the game, Beals "on wheels" broke up a play at mid ice carried the puck in and blistered an insurance goal in up under the crossbar to give the Wildcats a 5-3 lead. North Reading tried in vain as Wilmington would not budge in the final minutes.

The big comeback victory with five unanswered goals gives Wilmington their fifth straight win.

McKearney is a natural born leader

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but you start with the No. 1, or actually No. 8, senior captain AJ McKearney.

"AJ has been all everything for us," said head coach Steve Scanlon. "When things were falling a part injury wise and we were 4-7, he was the one who kept things together in the (locker) room. He is a real good leader. He's quiet. He leads by example on the ice but when he talks, the kids listen. He didn't let the kids get down. He kept plugging and kept plugging. He was a big reason why we turned the corner in February, I thought."

Since that loss to the Spy Ponders, not only has Wilmington taken off, but so has McKearney. You can see the drastic change in confidence just the way he skates. He is doing a much better job of defending players coming into the 'Cats zone, as well as getting the puck of the team's own zone.

"I think he realized the situation that we were in and he started to take the bull by the horns a little bit more rushing the puck and that helped us a lot getting out of own end," said Scanlon. "We're proud of him. He's a real good captain."

When the Wildcats were 4-7, McKearney said that he reached out to several former players for advice.

"Brian Cavanaugh, the captain from two years ago, I learned a lot from him," said McKearney. "He mentored me. Brian and Joe Kelly from that season taught me so much. I'm still in contact with those guys. (As the team's leader) I try to command the defense and the ice when I'm out there and St. Jean does a lot of that too, a lot of talking. In the locker room, I try to talk to the boys inbetween periods."

Inbetween and after the game against Arlington had ended, there wasn't much talking to do - well actually there was since this captain wanted much more out of his teammates.

"I sat down with the other

captains, the other seniors and my teammates and we got the team together and talked about what we needed to do (to get back on track)," he said. "If you asked me after that Arlington game if we would be here right now, I'd say no but we made a hell of a turnaround and now we're onto Stoneham. We're more team oriented now."

The team effort has been apparent in these two tournament games. The players are passing the puck, defending, backchecking much more than earlier in the season, and there's some drive, passion and a huge sense of keeping the pride and tradition of this successful program going.

"This is big. It's the play-offs so any mistake you make and you are done for the season," he said. "It was good to get the win and we were a bit sloppy, I thought personally. We have a very good Stoneham team coming up next so we have to mentally prepare. We have had a lot of practices and have done a ton of skating (leading up to this point) so it's not a sprint, it's a marathon."

That marathon reference certainly applies to all of the players - and especially those who have battled adversities. McKearney was beaming with joy when asked about goalie Ryan St. Jean, who was spectacular on the night making 33 saves.

"Ryan has been big for us," said McKearney. He had a little rough start to the season but he has bounced back. That's his net and we all know it. He leads our team and we have instilled that in his head. Without him playing as well as he did tonight, I think it would be a different outcome. I think (with him) it's confidence. He's bounced back and he's just been solid. Without him, we wouldn't be here."

Neither would the team be without No. 8 - its captain and well-respected leader.



Congratulations to the Seventh Grade Wilmington Girls Travel Basketball team for winning the River Valley Tournament last weekend. Saturday the Wildcats played in a one and done style tournament, beating Amesbury, Pentucket and then Peabody for the final win. The tournament title was the first win for Wilmington in many years. Two of the players Jessica Collins and Cassidy Smith were also named to the All Stars team. The team includes: top row from left: Melanie Mytych, Assistant Coach Cathy Cook, Abby Laclair, Jessica Collins, Carolyn Haas-Timm, Coach Tom Derian, Sofia Scalfani and Assistant Coach Alexander Derian; Bottom row from left: Regan Noble, Sandra, Bella Romano, Cassidy Smith, Annabelle Cook and Ella Cedrone. (courtesy photo).

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Rams put forth another outstanding team performance at New England Meet

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PROVIDENCE, RI - This past weekend, for the third week in a row, the Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team put on an outstanding performance at a major tournament. After earning a sixth place finish among 43 teams at the Division 1 State Tournament three weeks ago, and finishing 12th out of 100 teams at the All-State Tournament two weeks ago, the Rams capped off their impressive run this past weekend at the All-New England Tournament in Providence, Rhode Island, with a 17th place finish in the 150-team field.

Overall, the Rams scored 31 points over the two day tournament, led by a second place finish from junior Omar Eldaly of Wilmington at 220 pounds, while fellow juniors Brian Caldwell (132 pounds) and Vincent Foti (138) also had impressive showings, with Caldwell going 3-2 on the weekend, while Foti was 2-2.

"I was very happy with how we wrestled," Shawsheen coach Mark Donovan said. "All three of our guys made it to the second day, two of them were one match away from placing, and then Omar finishing second. I think we finished in fourth place among teams from Massachusetts,

so we did very well. We had set a goal of everybody making it to the second day, and we were able to do that."

For Eldaly, it was the second runner up finish in a row, after he also finished second at last week's All-State Meet, falling for the second week in row to Andrew Marshall of Lincoln-Sudbury in the finals. Prior to his loss, Eldaly had defeated Nick Tibbetts of Montville (Connecticut), by a score of 5-3, Nolan Potter of Wells (Maine) by a score of 10-3 and Mattuez Kudra of North Attleboro 3-2 in the semi-finals.

Caldwell started his weekend with a 7-5 win over Vincent Marino of Windham (New Hampshire), before losing to Roman Meyer of Mount Abraham (Vermont) 6-3 to move into the consolation bracket. Once there, Caldwell advanced by forfeit over Cam Nappi of Mount Hope, and defeated Noah Wilcox of Marlboro by a score of 4-3 with a late take-down, before finally being eliminated by Samson Sirois of Skowhegan (Maine).

"He has come on strong towards the end of the season," Donovan said. "He had a great tournament. He got beat, but he just kept working and getting some wins the rest of the way. He is getting his name out there for himself, and it is great to know he is coming back. It

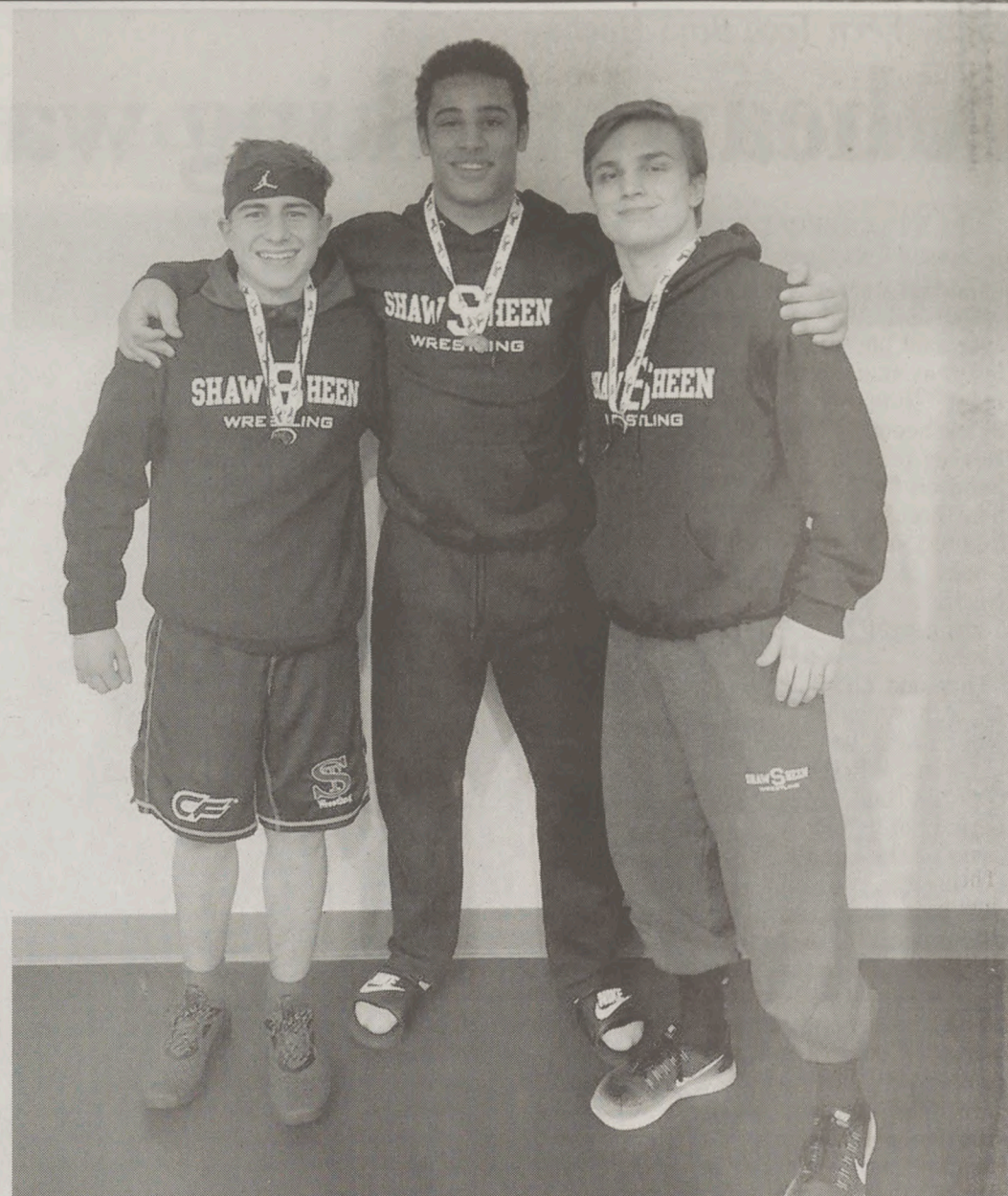
is great to know that all three of these guys are coming back. They are great role models for the younger kids."

Foti also had a very good weekend for himself with his 2-2 record. He started his tournament with a 13-3 loss to eventual champion Sam Lynch of Ponaganset (North Scituate, Rhode Island), before winning two matches in a row, defeating Wilson Ordenez of Marlboro by a score of 8-5 and Shamar Schand of Manchester, New Hampshire by pin in a time of 1:27.

Foti was eventually eliminated by Sean Caltagrione of Coventry, Rhode Island, but not before making quite an impression on his coach.

"He has such a funky style of wrestling, but he is such a hard worker," Donovan said. "He is the type of kid where you are saying no, no, no, and then all of a sudden it is go, go go. You don't teach the things that he does. He has a different style, but I wouldn't change it. I would never have thought that he would win two matches at New England, but he worked hard and he earned it."

Eldaly, Caldwell and Foti will all be competing at the National High School Coaches Association Tournament at Virginia Beach on March 25.



This past weekend, Shawsheen Tech's Omar Eldaly of Wilmington (middle) placed second at the New England Wrestling championships. The week before he placed sixth at the Massachusetts All-State Meet, while his teammates Vinny Foti, left, and Brian Caldwell, right, finished sixth and seventh, respectively. (courtesy photo).

Despite finishing second in NE, Eldaly not a happy wrestler

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PROVIDENCE, RI - After an outstanding performance at the All New England High School Wrestling

Tournament in Providence, Rhode Island this past weekend, finishing in second place in all of New England at 220 pounds, you would think that Shawsheen junior Omar Eldaly of Wilmington would have been very happy with his accomplishments.

But to think that would miss the point of what has made Eldaly so successful to begin with. Second place is nice, but for Eldaly, second place is no place at all. Perhaps he will be able to take some satisfaction in his great finish at some point but speaking two days after the tournament on Monday afternoon, that day had not arrived yet, and Eldaly had his doubts as to whether it ever would.

"I am disappointed, I guess that's the nicest way to say it," Eldaly said. "But there is nothing I can do about it now, except go back to practice and keep working hard to get back there. I just want to focus on the feeling I had after losing that finals match, because I never want to have that feeling again."

Asked if he felt like he would be able to look back at some point and be able to appreciate what a great season he had, Eldaly had his doubts. After winning the Division 1 North Sectional Tournament and earning second place finishes at the Division 1 State Tournament, the All-State Tournament and this weekend's New England Tournament, there is plenty to celebrate, but Eldaly remains driven to do better.

"I don't know if I will ever get there, where I feel good about it," Eldaly said. "I worked so hard all off season to be the best I could be, but I will see that moment when I was pinned all off season this year."

The pin Eldaly was referring to came at the hands of Andrew Marshall of Lincoln-

Sudbury in the finals, as Marshall caught him with a big move to pin him just 1:05 into their match.

It was the third loss of the season for Eldaly to Marshall, including one in the finals of last week's All-State Tournament. Marshall was the returning New England champion, and was one of the few opponents that Eldaly has not been able to conquer this season.

"The kid is very experienced and a very good wrestler," Eldaly said. "For me, most of the time I am controlling my matches, so when I am in a position where I am not in control, I tend to panic a little and start to flail and that's what happened. He is a strong kid, and he picked me up and dropped me on my back and I never had a chance to get on my stomach and he got the pin."

Shawsheen coach Mark Donovan understands Eldaly's disappointment with not being able to finish the job and win the New England title, but he also understands that Eldaly advancing all the way to both the All-State and the New England finals is an incredible accomplishment, especially considering that he did not take up the sport of wrestling until his freshman year.

"I think it is amazing," Donovan said. "He is just the second person in the history of our program to make the New England finals as a junior, with Jake Ferri being the first and he won it. He was bummed because it was the first time all year he had been pinned, but I told him that he could look in the stands and see tons of people who would love to be in his shoes."

"He has only been wrestling since he was 14 years old. His first year on the mat was as a freshman, so he still hasn't peaked yet. He is very strong, and very athletic and most importantly he is a very hard worker. He is going to do whatever he can to improve."

Prior to his loss to

Marshall in the finals, Eldaly had defeated Nick Tibbetts of Montville (Connecticut), by a score of 5-3, Nolan Potter of Wells (Maine) by a score of 10-3 and Mattuez Kudra of North Attleboro 3-2 in the semi-finals.

The win over Kudra was especially impressive, because just as Marshall had been Eldaly's Kryptonite, Eldaly has been the same to Kudra, beating the talented grappler three times on the season.

"It is not easy to beat the same kid three times in a season," Eldaly said. "The kid knows pretty much everything you can do, so it is very difficult. In a situation like that, it usually comes down to who has worked the hardest in practice to prepare, and that is why I have been able to beat him."

And that hard work is what Eldaly feels has separated him from the competition this season, crediting his coaches as well as former teammate Ferri, who is now wrestling at Kent State, for his great work ethic.

"The reason I have done so well is a result of the hard work I have put in, and also I have learned so much from Jake and coach Donovan and the entire coaching staff," Eldaly said. "They preach that, that hard work will get you where you want to be, not just in wrestling, but in whatever your do."

As great as this season was, Eldaly will be looking to put in that hard work to make next season even better, and he is confident he will be able to take that next step as a senior.

"I definitely feel like I can come back and be even better," Eldaly said. "That is the goal of every wrestler, to win All-States and to win New England. It will all come down to the preparation that I put in and how hard I work. A lot of people in my position might slack off, but that's why those people lose. I want to come back and win."



Shawsheen Tech's Susanna Gillis pulls up to run the play during Saturday's home tournament win over Latin Academy. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Division 3 North Sectional Semifinals

Rams big second half comeback falls just short

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TEWKSBURY - The Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team may have seen their season come to an end on Tuesday night with a 54-51 loss to Bedford in the Division 3 North semifinals in a game played at Tewksbury High, but in defeat the Lady Rams may have also proven more about themselves than any victory ever could.

Trailing 27-10 at the end of the first quarter and 37-15 at the end of the first half, No. 3 Shawsheen refused to quit

and put on a comeback for the ages, coming ever so close to toppling No. 7 Bedford before coming up just short.

With the loss, the Lady Rams finished their outstanding season with a record of 14-8, while Bedford improved to 14-9 and moved on to the sectional finals where they will take on the winner of Wednesday's semifinals game between Stoneham and Bishop Fenwick.

After facing the huge halftime deficit, Shawsheen still trailed 44-21 midway through the third quarter when they

staged their furious rally, going an incredible 22-3 run to close within three points midway through the fourth quarter.

Things started innocently enough for the Lady Rams with Alex DiPerri, who would finish with a game high 19 points hitting a free throw followed by a short jumper to make the score 44-24, but a Bedford basket made it 46-24, and no comeback seemed imminent.

But Shawsheen had other ideas, going on a 13-0 run to close out the third quarter and start the fourth. A pair

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Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey

A heartbreaking way to end the season

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STONEHAM - Nobody ever said life was fair. Nor for that matter is tournament hockey, as the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team learned first-hand on Sunday night in a heartbreaking 3-2 overtime loss to Lynn in the quarter-finals of the Division 3 North Sectional Tournament at Stoneham Arena.

This one could not have been more painful for the No. 4 Rams, who had leads of 1-0 in the first period and then 2-1 late in the third period, only to see No. 5 Lynn tie the game with 3:45 left in regulation and win it just 30 seconds into overtime.

The Rams also had several chances to pad their lead, hitting both a cross-bar and a post in the first period, while also having a goal disallowed on a very questionable call, and finally allowing a game tying goal with just 1.8 seconds left in the period.

Losing in overtime in the state tournament is tough enough but losing in the manner in which the Rams lost took it to a whole new level, particularly against a team they had beaten 5-2 earlier in the season in a road game.

"That's what happens in this tournament. I didn't think personally we were going to get to an OT situation, but they played us tough, they played us a lot tougher than they did the first time we played them," Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker said. "We knew where some of their weaknesses were and we didn't expose them as well as we should have."

Shawsheen got a first period goal from CAC MVP Matt Irwin and a third period goal from Jack Duggan with 9:23 left in the game, but it was not enough to hold off Lynn, who got a hat trick from Brian Clougherty to improve to 13-5-4 on the season and advance to the sectional semifinals where they will take on Swampscott on Thursday night. Shawsheen meanwhile finished their season with a record of 13-8-0.

The Rams looked a little sluggish in the game's opening minutes, with Lynn controlling the first five minutes and the outstanding play of Rams senior goalie Bobby Mitza being the only thing that kept the game scoreless. Baker felt that Lynn may have benefited from having played on Thursday in their first round win over Latin Academy, while the Rams had earned a first round bye and were idle.

"We had talked all week about getting off to a good start and getting the puck down low, but instead they got off to a fast start, and had us pinned back to start the game," Baker said. "I think it helped them getting the one game under their belt. Personally, I like first round games, because at least then you know where you stand."

"You get to a quarterfinal and kids being kids, they may be looking a little past their opponents, but that's what we were all doing when we were 15, 16 and 17 years old. We were all a little more cocky than we should be."

Despite the slow start, the Rams did start to take over the game's momentum, and they were eventually rewarded for their strong play when Irwin put in the rebound of a Nick Nardella shot for a 1-0 lead at the 6:36 mark of the period.

Shawsheen had several chances to extend their lead, led by their second line of RJ Page, Dan McGaffigan and Jack Duggan. Duggan was par-



Above, Shawsheen Tech's Brady McFadden pushes a Lynn player away from the puck, with Beau Ramsey in the distance supporting the play; and below, Ron Page gets some room through the neutral zone to skate with the puck during Sunday's state tournament loss to Lynn. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).



ticularly effective, while also being particularly snake bit, hitting the cross-bar with 8:40 left, and hitting the post with 2:40 left, while having two other great bids denied by great saves by Gallant.

Duggan was also denied an apparent goal with just under two minutes left in the period, when he appeared to slip the puck past Gallant for a goal a split second before the net came off its moorings. The referee, who was standing right on the goal line, pointed and emphatically indicated that it was a goal, setting off a wild celebration by the Rams, and some intense arguing by the Jets. After a discussion with his fellow referee and some continued arguing by Lynn, the call was eventually changed to goal.

Baker was measured in his response to a question about the overturned call, but it was clear that he, like most Rams fans, was not thrilled with the call.

"We're not going to Toronto for the replay, but it kind of got explained to me. He (the referee) had it as a goal, and I think he got a little persuaded by the four red shirts that were screaming at him, and I think he probably got a little nervous," Baker said. "Even from the bench, you could tell the puck was moving forward before the net went off. That could have been the difference. That puts us up two goals, and I think that kind of

deflated us a little bit."

Even with all of their bad luck, it looked like the Rams would take a 1-0 lead into the first intermission, but that too proved to be wishful thinking when a turnover in neutral ice gave the puck to Clougherty, who ripped a shot past Mitza with 1.8 seconds left in the period for his 29th goal of the season.

"We stressed all week that it doesn't have to be the big hit, but when you have 14, 15 or 18 (Clougherty) coming down on you, you have to play the body all the way," Baker said. "If you make an inside step there, you delay him enough to take away that second and a half, but that is what this game is about. It is about seconds sometimes. But again, they are kids and they are going to make mistakes."

The teams played to a scoreless second period, with Mitza keeping the Rams in the game, with 14 saves in the period. Mitza was outstanding all game, turning aside 27 of 30 Lynn shots.

"Bob had to come up with some big stops, and that is why I look at that goal at the end of the first period and I say that is on us, that's not on Bob," Baker said.

Shawsheen regained the lead at the 5:37 mark of the third period when Duggan was finally rewarded for his hard work with a goal when he took a pass from Kyle Preble, skated down the left

wing and rifled a shot past Gallant for a 2-1 lead.

Another Shawsheen turnover later in the period led to another Clougherty breakaway, and the talented goal scorer made no mistake, beating Mitza to knot the game at 2-2 with 3:45 left in the game.

In the overtime period, Lynn gained possession off the opening faceoff, and kept control in the Shawsheen zone before Clougherty finally put a rebound past Mitza 30 seconds into the extra session.

For Baker, the hardest part about suffering the loss, other than the near misses and the controversial no goal call, was having to say goodbye to a team that had worked so hard for him all season. He was already planning on one final session on ice with his team.

"This is a great group of kids. The seniors are great kids, a lot of them have been around for a long time. I respect them and I know that they have a ton of respect for me," Baker said. "So, it (stinks) to end that way, but I think it is a learning experience for them as well. Now they have to figure out what they are going to do for the next couple of weeks."

"I will bring them back for a practice tomorrow and we will scrimmage and have some fun, and hopefully that will help them smooth over the disappointment of losing."



Tewksbury resident Julie Masotta signed her National Letter of Intent to play collegiate hockey at Norwich University starting in the 2019-'20 season. (courtesy photo)

Shawsheen Tech senior Matt Irwin

League MVP all class as season, career comes to an end

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BILLERICA -- An amazing season came to a crashing halt for Matt Irwin and the Shawsheen Tech Hockey team on Sunday night, as the Rams suffered a heart-breaking 3-2 overtime loss to Lynn in the Division 3 North quarterfinals.

It was a loss that will certainly take some time to get over for Irwin and the rest of the Rams, but Shawsheen's shocking and sudden exit from the tournament could not diminish what was an incredible season for Irwin. He scored the first goal of the game for the Rams, capping off a season where the senior captain was voted the Most Valuable Player of the Commonwealth Athletic Conference.

Irwin is of course proud of the season that he and his teammates had, but the day after the loss to Lynn, the game and the heartbreaking loss were still very much on his mind.

"It was crushing. I felt like as part of the team, I gave everything I possibly could, so to come up short like that was tough," Irwin said two days after the loss. "I didn't sleep (Monday) night because I couldn't stop thinking about it."

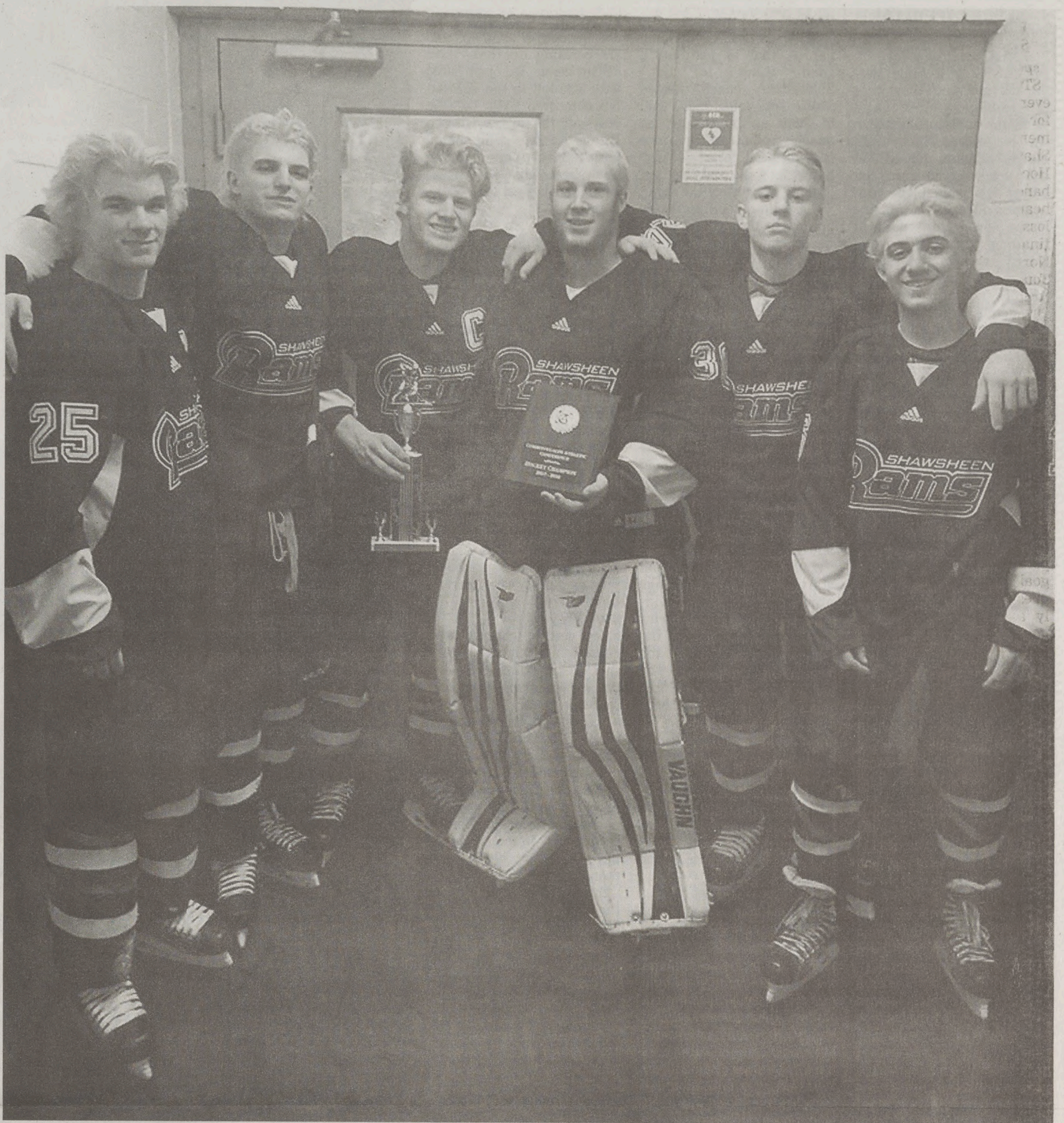
The toughest thing for Irwin in the aftermath of the loss was dealing with the fact that he will no longer be playing with his friends and teammates, or for Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker and his staff.

After going through the handshake line, Irwin took a moment to thank the Shawsheen fans, as well as his friends and family, raising his stick in the direction of the large contingent of Shawsheen supporters in attendance at the Stoneham Arena, but later in the locker room he had some time to reflect on his last game as a Ram.

"I went through the line, and then I just wanted to thank all of our supporters for all of the support they have shown throughout the year, even with that kind of loss," Irwin said. "Then it kind of hit me about 15 minutes later that this would be my last time playing as a Ram, and that kind of stinks, because I really loved this year. Coach Baker and all of the assistant coaches have all been so great to me. It kills me to not be playing for them anymore."

Irwin will of course also miss playing with his friends.

"I loved playing with all of these guys, especially Nick Nardella, Bobby Mitza, RJ Page, Jack Duggan and Story Michaud," Irwin said.



The Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team announced that six players were recently named league all-stars including from left, Jack Duggan, Nick Nardella, Matt Irwin, Bob Mitza, Ryan Kelly and RJ Page. Kelly, Mitza and Irwin were also named All-Conference, and Irwin was named the CAC Most Valuable Player. (courtesy photo).

"They are my best friends, and I will miss playing with them."

Despite the crushing defeat, Irwin, who scored 19 goals and added 23 assists on the season, was able to put into perspective what he and his teammates accomplished this season, and he was very happy to accept the CAC MVP award on behalf of his team.

"It was a great honor to be recognized like that, but I know it would not have been possible without my coaches, teammates and my family," Irwin said. "At the end of the day, all I did was give it my all, and with the support of everyone around me,

I was able to have a good season. But if it meant I scored fewer goals and we went further in the tournament, I would give up every goal. All that matters to me is the success of the team."

Irwin putting the success of his team ahead of his own comes as no surprise to Baker, who has watched Irwin grow not just as a hockey player, but as a leader over the past four years.

"Matt has been a fun kid to be around and coach since his freshman season," Baker said. "He is a great kid and a great role model for kids in the program. He is a hard working kid on and

off the ice. He is a leader and showed that all season long as the team captain. He leads by example."

For anybody who has ever watched Irwin play the game of hockey, it is hard not to notice his combination of speed and elusiveness, as well as his great stick control, or his ability to split a pair of defenders while still controlling the puck. He has basically all the tools that make a hockey player great, which is evidenced by his career totals of 75 goals and 69 assists for 144 points.

For Irwin, it is not his physical ability which has allowed him to excel above

so many others, but rather his mental capacity for the game, for which he again credits his coaches, particularly one coach who has always been at his side.

"I feel like my biggest strength is my knowledge of the game and knowing what I have to do and knowing where I need to be," Irwin said. "I have always been a pretty good goal scorer, but I never used to be good in the defensive zone, but over the past four years I have become a much better defensive zone player, which has also made me a better offensive player. I owe that to my coaches, and to my dad who is the best coach I ever had."

Irwin's dad, Robert, has been a source of great inspiration and knowledge for him throughout his career, not just in high school, but while growing up playing the game, first with Billerica Youth Hockey and then with several elite hockey programs.

"My dad is my biggest fan and my harshest critic. I joke with him that when I was growing up I could have a game where I scored four goals, but on the way home after the game, he would critique my defensive zone play," Irwin said. "But I appreciated that because it made me a better player. I always wanted to play better for him. He always brought out the best in me."

Irwin has had the same kind of support from the rest of his family, be it from his mom Laurie, or his older sisters Marissa and Emily.

"It's unbelievable the amount of time and effort they have put in for me. My dad was my number one fan, but my mom was a close second," Irwin said. "She was always there for me, always supporting me, and I can't forget about my sisters, because they have also been my biggest fans."

Outside of his family, it has been the Rams coaching

staff, particularly coach Baker, who have been so instrumental in Irwin's success.

"Coach Baker has been great to me. He lets me be the player that I am," Irwin said. "I have always been a kind of fiery player and he lets me be who I am. He has always believed in me, and he has always gotten the best out of me at all times."

Baker is happy to take some credit for helping Irwin become a better player, but he also knows that the talented forward does some things that you simply can't teach.

"Matt has great speed, great hands, a great shot, great eyes while carrying the puck," Baker said. "Matt plays the game with intensity and has a great motor. He plays the game fearless. He is not afraid to sacrifice his body if it means it will benefit the team. He is a winner who plays the game with a refuse to lose attitude. He definitely ranks as one of the all-time best players I have coached."

With his high school career coming to an end, Irwin's hockey career appears to be from over, as he will be looking to continue playing the game he loves in juniors and eventually in college.

"I am hoping to play junior hockey. It is pretty much a requirement to play a couple of years of juniors before you play in college now," Irwin said. "So, I will wait until the end of the season and skate for a couple of teams and see what happens from there."

Baker, for one, believes that Irwin has what it takes to be successful wherever he decides to play next.

"Matt could definitely play at the next level," Baker said. "He will probably need a year or two of quality junior hockey. I hope he gives it a shot because he definitely has the drive."



Senior Matt Irwin tries to get past a Lynn player during Sunday's state tournament loss. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Girls Hoop team pushes past Latin Academy in state tournament opener

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BELLERICA - While they did not get start they were looking against Latin Academy on Saturday night, the Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team showed that it is not how you start, but rather how you finish, that matters most, as the Lady Rams overcame a cold shooting first quarter and pulled away in the second half on their way to a 65-50 win over Latin in their Division 3 North quarterfinal matchup at the Cook Street Pavilion.

With the win, No.3 Shawsheen improved to 14-7 on the season moved on to face No. 7 Bedford in the sectional semifinals on Tuesday night. No. 6 Latin Academy, meanwhile, ends their season with a record of 12-9.

Shawsheen was led by an outstanding performance from junior center Brooke Johnson, who had 18 points and 11 rebounds, including 13 second half points, while junior guard Alex DiPerri had 14 points, and the freshmen duo of Shelby Boudreau (nine points) and Susanna Gillis (seven points) also chipped in to victory.

While Latin had beaten Charlestown in their first round game last Tuesday, Shawsheen had earned a first round bye, and entered Saturday's game coming off a ten day layoff. Early on the rust showed for the Lady Rams, as they did not score their first field goal of the game until 2:25 remained in the first quarter, at which point they trailed the Dragons 8-6.

The Lady Rams got things going a little better for the rest of the quarter, on a three pointer by Boudreau with 1:13 left and long range jumper from Ashlyn Troisi with ten seconds left, but they still trailed 14-11 after

the first eight minutes.

"With ten days off between games, that is just not a good thing for us," Shawsheen coach Aimee Sueltenfuss said. "So, I said to them at the end of the quarter and at halftime, now is our time, start a new game, let's go, and they got it going the rest of the way."

The cold shooting disappeared in the second quarter, as Shawsheen got three pointers from Shannon Fitzgerald, Gillis and Sam Moriconi early in the quarter, with Moriconi's trey giving the Lady Rams their first lead of the game at 20-18 with 4:41 left in the first half.

Shawsheen extended their lead to 24-19 with 3:40 left, but Latin closed to within 27-25 with 1:05 remaining. The Lady Rams, however, would take a 30-25 lead into the half thanks to a three pointer by Rebecca Smith of Tewksbury with 12 seconds left in the half.

While the Lady Rams had started to turn things around in the second quarter, it was the third quarter where they began to put the game away, outscoring the Dragons 20-11 during the frame for a 50-36 halftime lead at the end of three quarters.

Johnson did most of the damage for Shawsheen in the quarter, scoring nine of the team's 20 points, while also grabbing five rebounds, including scoring eight of the Lady Rams ten points during a 10-2 run late in the quarter.

"Brooke is a quiet giant," Sueltenfuss said. "At the beginning of the season I had said that I really felt that she could be our sleeper this year. I felt like if she could have a season that I knew she was capable of, that we could possibly do some great things. Today, I told her before the game that their (Latin's) best

player was their center, so she needed to step up, and she certainly did that."

Shawsheen led just 36-33 with 5:20 left in the quarter, but outscored Latin 14-3 the rest of the way, with a DiPerri three point bomb with 1:40 left giving Shawsheen what was at the time their largest lead of the game at 47-34.

In addition to their hot shooting, Shawsheen also began to do a much better job of rebounding in the third quarter, after being dominated for much of the first half, and especially in the third quarter.

"I told them that I felt like we were being outthusted on the rebounding, and we weren't able to do anything defensively or offensively because of it," Sueltenfuss said. "But Brooke Johnson and Kaitlyn Conway really changed that with their rebounding and then we were getting two shots three shots instead of just one. It also allowed us to run and to play or game. They weren't beating us on their first shot, they were beating us after getting chance after chance after chance, and that is something we can't do, especially moving on to the next round."

A Boudreau basket extended the Shawsheen lead to 50-34 with 48 seconds left in the quarter and the Lady Rams were never seriously threatened in the fourth quarter, as Latin closed to within 11 points early in the frame but never got any closer than that.

Every time they would threaten to close the gap, Shawsheen had a response, either from Johnson, DiPerri or Boudreau among others. In all, Shawsheen had nine players score at least three points in the game, using the well balanced attack to earn their spot in the sectional semifinals.



Above Shawsheen Tech's Megan Brown is boxed out by a Latin Academy player and below Shelby Boudreau fast breaks out the Ram's end during Saturday's first round tournament win. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com)



Austin Prep to induct five into 2018 Hall of Fame Class

Austin Preparatory School in Reading will induct five individuals and one team into its Athletic Hall of Fame on Sat., April 28.

This will be the sixth induction ceremony for the school. The event honors athletes from six decades of Austin Prep athletic history, from the school's origins in the 1960s through the 21st century.

The induction ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m. at Café Escadrille in Burlington. Tickets are \$65, which includes dinner and a cash bar. To purchase tickets, please go to www.austin-prep.org/hof.

The inductees are:
Charles "Chuck" Gaudet, Class of 1976

Inducted for: Football, Ice Hockey, Baseball
Currently lives: Burlington
Achievements at Austin Prep: Selected as the school's All-Around Male Athlete, named to the All-Merrimack Valley Conference Football, Hockey and Baseball teams two years in a row. He helped his team get to an 18-3-1 record while placing second place in the Merrimack Valley Conference, under reigning Coach of the Year Gary Bishop. Played varsity football and hockey at the University of Pennsylvania.

1988-1989 Men's Ice Hockey Team

Achievements at Austin Prep: Only the second hockey team in the school's history to win the state championship (Division II). Held a 21-4-1 record with three

League All-Stars and two All-Scholastics under Coach Jim McAdam.

Erica Barry, Class of 2002
Inducted for: Softball
Currently lives: Rowley
Achievements at Austin Prep: Four-year Varsity Softball player and co-captain her junior year when the team was the Catholic Suburban League champions, three-time CSL Softball All-Star, two-time All-Scholastic for both the Boston Herald and Boston Globe, was the CSL Softball MVP. Played softball for four years at Babson College on an athletic scholarship. She also has the second most runs batted in over her career at Austin Prep.

Paul Bimmler, Class of 2009
Inducted for: Swimming
Currently lives: Reading
Achievements at Austin Prep: Four-time Catholic Central League Swimming MVP, four-time CCL All-Star, two-time Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic, and Boston Globe Swimmer of the Year in 2009. He was named a Swimming League All-Star from 2003-2009. He was on the team as a middle-schooler and helped the team capture six CCL titles. Holds the fastest time for 10 different races, with 3 of them in relays. Was on the Swim Team (Division I) at Fairfield University.

Paige Christie, Class of 2011
Inducted for: Swimming
Currently lives: Newport Beach, Calif.
Achievements at Austin Prep: MIAA Division II

Swimming Champion, two-time Boston Globe All-Scholastic, Boston Globe All-Star, two-time Catholic Conference All-Star, Lowell Sun All-Star, and Eagle-Tribune Sportsman of the Year. At the time of her graduation, she held numerous school swimming records, and still holds the record for the 400 M Free Relay. Swam four years at Smith College, Smith College Athletic Woman of the Year, and two-time NEWMAC Academic All-Conference. At age 21, she swam the English Channel, and at 23 completed the 8 Bridges Hudson River Swim - the youngest to ever complete it.

Tom Enright
Inducted for: Contributor
Currently lives: Haverhill
Achievements at Austin Prep: Basketball coach for both boys and girls for more than 20 years. He was one of the first coaches for girls basketball when the school went coed in the early 1990s, and racked up more than 100 wins as a girls basketball coach. He coached the 2003-2004 Girls Basketball Catholic Central Division 2 Champions, going 10-0 in conference matchups. A math teacher at Austin Prep for more than 46 years, he could be seen at countless sporting events every season cheering on AP students when not coaching. He served as Chair of the Mathematics Department, a guidance counselor, Academic Dean and Dean of Studies, and moderated numerous clubs.



Playing strong team defense during Saturday's win included from left Brooke Johnson, Susanna Gillis and Megan Brown. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

Run to Remember Boston to honor Collier

Early Bird discounted registration for the only half marathon to run through the historic heart of the city, Run to Remember Boston, will extend through March 10, organizers announced. Runners and virtual participants may register at a discount for the May 27 event at www.BostonsRunToRemember.org.

"In addition to saving money, registering now shows your commitment to our 1st responders who support our communities every day," said Race Director Steve Balfour said. The cost to enter the 5-mile is \$50 and the half marathon is \$100. No discount code is needed if registering before midnight on March 10.

This is the 14th year for the annual charity event, creat-

ed as a tribute to all first responders who have made the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives in the line of duty. This year the event will feature a 5-year tribute to the Boston Marathon responders who ran toward danger, not away, at the 2013 bombing and its aftermath - with a special tribute to MIT officer Sean Collier who was killed in the line of duty.

Run to Remember Boston is a world class race, produced by a handful of police officers and their supporters who volunteer their time to create, organize and manage the event. Proceeds benefit the community and children's programs of the first responder community.

The 1st Responder Challenge will also return. Now in its third year, it con-

sists of teams with a minimum of five runners from any first responder department, competing in the half marathon for a chance to win bragging rights and split a cash prize of \$10,000 among the top three winners for the charity of their choice.

Run to Remember Boston's half marathon and 5-mile races both start at 7 a.m. at the Seaport World Trade Center in downtown Boston on Sunday, May 27.

Last year, the race had more than 9,000 registered runners, added.

For more info on the 1st Responder Challenge, please contact Brigit at BostonRunToRemember@gmail.com.

Tewksbury Youth Boys and Girls Basketball League game recaps

Intermediate Division
Jayhawks 30, Badgers 24
The regular season didn't end the way the Badgers hope it would as they fell to the Jayhawks 30-24. Excellent played game by the Jayhawks who only had five players, who out hustled and outplayed the Badgers.

Badgers came out flat after a two-week layoff and it showed. Leading the scoring for the Badgers Sam Ryan with nine points, followed by Katrina Macdonald with eight points, Madelyn Montego with three points and Darya Mehrabani and Brooklyn DeGrecie each had two points.

The Badgers finish the season at 8-2 to take first place in the Intermediate league.

Senior Division
Sonics 27, Suns 24
Sonics high-scorer was Asha Speller. Speller scored 10 of her 12 points in the second quarter to give her team the lead, but also had a steal with 8 seconds left to secure the win. Emily Walker (2 pts) made some great cuts to get open. Amanda Moreira drove well to the net and played great defense.

Ava Piccolo (2 pts) handled the ball well against man defense. Alyssa Gray grabbed many weak-side offensive rebounds and moved well on offense. Michelle Hinkle (6pts) helped the Sonics lead with her man-press in the third quarter. Guards Erica Hinkle (3 pts) and Rachel Picher (2 pts) helped hold the lead in the last quarter, working together to break the Suns' full-court press.

The Suns were down nine with under two minutes to go, they came almost all the back and had a chance

with eight second left to tie the game. Juliana Ricci, Klara Holden and Kaitlyn Oates did a good job on defense of rebounding the basketball and limiting the Sonics second chase opportunities.

The scoring came from Christina Capachietti 14, Madison Stovesand 6, Courtney Capachietti and Brooke Woodman with two each. The Suns finished the season in second place and earned well deserved first round bye for the playoffs.

Spurs 43, Blazers 28
Erin McIntyre led the Spurs with 14 pts followed by Madison Pierce with (12 pts, 8 blocks, and 3 steals). These points were set up by outstanding passing from Brianna Iandoli (2 pts, 12 assist). Madison Kearney had (5 pts, 3 steals), Megan Boudreau provided (4 pts, 6 assist and 3 steals) and Elizabeth Pacheco stepped up with (4 pts, 5 rebounds).

On the defensive side of the ball, Jess Hickey had (8 rebounds, 2 blocks, and 2 pts), Jordan Garden rebounded like a machine (6 rebounds, 2 steals) and Emma Nowell had (4 rebounds, 1 steal). The Spurs Game Ball Award went to Madison Pierce for her outstanding game.

Jazz 39, Pacers 32
Both teams battled back and forth, but the Pacers just couldn't close the gap as they fell 39 to 32 to the fast paced Jazz squad. With well balanced scoring by all six players combined with terrific defense, it was a very well-played match.

Leading the scoring attack was Abby MacCallister with 16 well-earned points, followed by Ally Ragusa with 6 points, Jamie Munroe (4), Maisan Ngyuen, Lily Gigante and

Jaylee Howard all with two points.

Solid defense by Howard, MacCallister and Nguyen and outstanding rebounding by Munroe, Ragusa and Gigante kept our team in the game.

Junior Division
Rockets 14, Storm 6
The undermanned Storm went up against a fully staffed Rockets team who were ready to play. It was a slow back and forth game through the first and second quarters. After half time the Rockets offence started cooking through the third and fourth quarters and the Storm defense could not keep up. Charlotte Morris (4 points) and Liv Ronan (2 points) led the way offensively.

Sparks 27, Comets 26
Shanice E. rebounded. Layal M. scored. Elli M. played great defense. Mady M. had a steal. Maddy P. rebounded. Emily P. scored a three-pointer. Christina R. had a steal. Lily V. played great defense.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Tewksbury Girls' Basketball League is pleased to once again offer scholarships to graduating high school seniors who have participated in our program. Completed applications must be post-marked by March 15, 2018 to be considered.

Application forms can be downloaded from our website: www.tgbl.org. For more information, please contact Bob Hinkle at: rdhinkle@hotmail.com.

YOUTH BOYS HOOP
Junior Division
Lakers 32, Cavs 23
The Junior Lakers advanced to the second

round of the playoffs on Saturday by winning 32-23 in a hard fought game against the Cavs. High scorers on the day were Emeka Olu, Zach Chase, and James Brooks.

The Cavs' scoring came from Mike Devlin (11 points), Jason Shreenan (8 points), Alan Dang (2 points) and Johnny Pasquariello (2 points). Bryan Flynn and Payton Haines chipped in with exceptional defense. Patrick Bumpus, Aidan Shanahan, Ben Sheppard and Steven Oppedisano contributed with great rebounding. This unfortunately ends the Cavs exciting season.

Heat 34, Celtics 21
The Heat, while playing a 3rd game in a row without a key player, had a very strong attack offensively with five different players scoring. The ball moved around on most possessions, leading to assists on many of the baskets. The Heat also had another solid game on the boards, extending many possessions that ultimately proved to be too much for a good Celtics defensive team.

The Heat's scoring attack was led by Albie Iraola, Ayden Annese and Logan Goldman while Jeremy Byakika and Sean Buchanon also chipped in to contribute to that scoring total. Donovan Conway, Jake Hardy, Stephen Bruno and Santiago Avendano all came up with big defensive plays while also playing solid point guard roles, moving the ball effectively.

Clippers 29, Warriors 25
In the first round of the playoffs the Warriors and Clippers squared off for the third time this season. Both teams were going back and forth with pos-

sessions and scoring, ending the first half tied at 15. The third quarter was a continuation of the first half, but the Clippers led by 2 going into the fourth quarter. The Clippers were able to extend their lead to 4 with four minutes left. As the Warriors fought hard and scored a basket to come within two points, the Clippers were able to counter and ultimately won the game.

Scoring came from Justin Quartarone, Brandon Cohen, Michael Colameta and Antonio Almeida. Colin Crowley, Giuseppe Castiglia, Jason Grant and Phenix Rizzuti came up with some key steals to keep the game close. The Warriors dominated the boards with Jacob Vieira, William O'Neill, Michael Colameta, Antonio Almeida, Justin Quartarone and Brandon Cohen.

Thunder 26, Spurs 8
Evan Williams led the way for the Thunder this week with his most complete game of the season with 10 points and a countless amount of steals and rebounds. He was followed by Shane Spurr with six, Marcus Ramos with four, and Luke Stewart, Brayden Asselin, and Dylan McNelley each having a bucket. Nolan Fowlie and Ben Poirier both contributed on the defensive end and Nolan had a team high in Tommy Points!

Sean Maloney was running point for the Thunder and was able to create easy baskets for his teammates by throwing some nice passes.

Intermediate Division
Cavs 37, Bulls 19
Leading scoring for the Cavs was Jake Austin (10 pts, 4 blocks, 13 rebounds), followed by Luke Shaw (6

pts, 4 blocks, 15 rebounds) and Chris Johnson (6 pts, 5 assist). Ethan Hines had a big game with (4 pts, 2 steals, 8 rebounds) along with Owen Caggiano (4 pts, 3 steals, 5 assist) and Anthony Curreri (1 pt, 5 rebounds, 1 steal).

Playing solid defense with great pressure was Jaden Sanchez (3 pts, 4 steals, 1 block), Cam Kearney (2 pts, 5 steals, 6 assist) and Nick Kearney (1 pt, 7 assist, 2 steals). The Cavs game ball award went to Ryan King for his team support and stats on the sideline.

Clippers 31, Warriors 25
The Clippers played an outstanding game today as they pulled off the upset against the Warriors. Andre Monteiro led the way with 14 points; eight of those points coming in the last four minutes. Paul Allen also came up big in the second half, scoring all of his six points in the third and fourth quarters.

Anthony Monteiro (2 points) and Liam Kelley (7 points) grabbed a lot of rebounds for our team. Will Fillmore (2 points) dished lots of assists throughout the game. Anthony Pellegrino, Deven Ricci, and Owen Kinnon played great defense throughout the game.

Knicks 32, Lakers 28
Thunder 30, Heat 23
No game information provided on either game.

CORRECTION

In this week's Crier Tewksbury Sports Section, Cam Kelly's name was mistakenly left off as an honorable mention selection to the MVC Boys Hoop All-Star team.

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Rams big second half comeback falls just short

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of free throws by freshman Shelby Boudreau and one free throw by DiPerri sent the Lady Rams to the fourth quarter trailing 46-27, and they simply kept the momentum going from there.

Freshman Susanna Gillis got things started with a basket and a free throw, followed by a pair of DiPerri free throws and back to back baskets by Shannon Fitzgerald, one of them a three pointer, to suddenly make the score a not so insurmountable 46-37.

Ashlyn Troisi kept the good times rolling for Shawsheen with a three pointer and a free throw to make it 46-41 and a Boudreau jumper made it 46-43 before Bedford finally stopped the bleeding with a basket by Joelle DeLia to extend the lead back to 48-43.

Lauren Legere knocked down a three pointer to make the score 51-43 and seemingly end the Shawsheen threat, but a DiPerri layup, followed by a DiPerri steal and another layup brought the Lady Rams to within 51-47 with 1:59 left.

Shawsheen had several chances to pull even closer, but were unable to convert, and Bedford eventually extended their lead to 54-47 with 25 seconds left. Shawsheen still refused to

quit, however, with Gillis connecting on a free throw and Fitzgerald knocking down an improbable three pointer with 4.6 seconds left the Lady Rams still had a chance, but they were unable to commit a foul to stop the clock and Bedford ran down the final seconds to end Shawsheen's season.

"We came out slow again and could not get a groove," Shawsheen coach Aimee Sueltenfuss said, after also seeing her team get off to a slow start in their quarterfinal win over Latin Academy. "We have had this problem all year long and we never really figured out the way to stop that from happening. We were still down more than 20 at the half and somehow we put our head back in and fought down to the wire."

While the season ended in disappointment for the Lady Rams, Sueltenfuss couldn't help but be encouraged by her young team's play this season, especially since it was their first season playing in the Division 3 Tournament after playing in Division 4 in previous years.

"We are young and return nine of 13 players, so with our first year in Division 3 North I am very happy with this tournament finish," Sueltenfuss said.

Tewksbury Youth Baseball Fundraising Event, March 29

Tewksbury Youth Baseball is sponsoring a "Wicked Good Cornhole Tournament" to be held for fun, friendly, recreational players on Thursday, March 29th at the Tewksbury Elks, located at 777 South Street.

The cost is \$50 per team at the door, but the cost is \$40 a team if you pre-register by March 22nd. Registration and warm-ups start at 6:30 pm and bags fly at 7:30 pm.

First place team wins a set

of Wicked Cornhole Boards. There will also be prizes for the second and third place teams. You can bring your own partner for the competition.

You can pre-register at: www.tewksburyyouthbaseball.org, bring payment to the tournament, or mail a check payable to: Tewksbury Youth Baseball, 90 Chandler Street, Tewksbury, Ma, 01876.

There will also be raffles, music and food.



Shawsheen Tech's Samantha Moriconi attempts a three-point shot during Saturday's home state tournament win over Latin Academy. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



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